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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4114
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH MARCH, 2018

PRODUCTION OF CROPS

4114. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE †ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãä¨ãäè
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has released the 2nd Advance Estimates of Production of Major Crops for 2017-18 recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the estimated production of wheat, oilseeds, Jute and Mesta is lower than the previous year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, crop-wise;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of wheat, oilseeds, Jute and Mesta in the country; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the production of such crops in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a): Yes, Madam. The 2nd Advance Estimates of Production of Major Crops for 2017-18 has been released on 27th February, 2018. The details of production of major

crops during 2017-18 as per the Second Advance Estimates in the country are given as under:

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(in million tonnes)

Crop	2017-18
Rice	111.01
Wheat	97.11
Coarse Cereals	45.42
Pulses	23.95
Oilseeds	29.88
Sugarcane	353.23
Cotton [#]	33.92
Jute [*]	9.98
Mesta [*]	0.53

[#] Production in million bales of 170kgs each.

^{*} Production in million bales of 180kgs each.

(b) & (c): The details of production of wheat, oilseeds, jute and mesta during current year (2nd advance estimates) vis-à-vis last year is given as under:

(in million tonnes)

Crop	2016-17	2017-18
Wheat	98.51	97.11
Oilseeds	31.28	29.88
Jute [*]	10.43	9.98
Mesta [*]	0.53	0.53

^{*} Production in million bales of 180kgs each.

Depending on yearly variations in weather, rainfall situation, irrigation facilities, shift in area to other competing crops etc., the production of various crops including wheat, oilseeds, Jute and Mesta has been fluctuating.

(d) & (e): In order to increase the production and productivity of agricultural crops including wheat, oilseeds, jute and mesta, Government implements various programmes /schemes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC) etc.

In addition, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities (SAU) have developed a number of improved varieties/hybrids of food grain crops to enhance production and productivity of food crops. Further, Government

facilitates imports of various agricultural commodities to augment their domestic availability.
