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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5264
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL CROPS

5264. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:
SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ढऱड़ँŞääÓă एवं किसान कल्याण ½ăă"ăăè be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the estimated and actual production of major agricultural commodities/ crops during the years, 2015-16 and 2016-17;
- (b) whether there has been any rise/fall in the production of these commodities and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) per capita availability of foodgrains in the country;
- (d) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains is sufficient in the country and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve this condition;
- (e) whether there is a rise in per capita availability of foodgrains, considering the mid-year estimate of population, as compared to last year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the estimated demand of foodgrains for the next five years in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The production of major agricultural crops varies and exhibits a mixed trend on year to year basis depending on variations in weather, rainfall situation, irrigation facilities and shift in area due to other competing crops. The details of production of major agricultural crops during the years, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as under:

(in million tonnes)

Crops	2015-16	2016-17
Rice	104.41	109.70
Wheat	92.29	98.51
Coarse Cereals	38.52	43.77
Pulses	16.35	23.13
Oilseeds	25.25	31.28
Sugarcane	348.45	306.07
Jute & Mesta*	10.52	10.96

* Lakh Bales of 180 kgs. each.

(c) & (d): The per capita availability of foodgrains in the country during 2017 is provisionally estimated at 184.7 kg. per year. However, there are no official estimates available for demand of foodgrains in the country for the current year.

Government implements various programmes/schemes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC) etc. with the objective of increasing production and productivity of agricultural crops. 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.

(e): Yes, Madam, there is rise in per capita availability of foodgrains. The per capita net availability of foodgrains along with the mid-year estimate of population for the year 2016 and 2017 are given as under:

Year	Population (in '000)	Net availability ('000 tonnes)	Per capita net availability (kg. per year)
2016	1273986	226586	177.9
2017 (Provisional)	1288522	238029	184.7

(f): There are no official estimates available for demand of foodgrains in the country for the years 2018-19 to 2019-20 and 2021-22 to 2022-23. However, as per Twelfth Plan Working Group on Crop Husbandry, Demand and Supply Projections, Agricultural Inputs and Agricultural Statistics, the demand for foodgrains during 2020-21 is projected at 277 million tonnes.
