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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018

FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foodgrain production including various pulses, cereals and rice in the country during the current year;
- (b) the estimated rate of growth of the agriculture sector during the said period;
- (c) whether the foodgrain output has declined/ is likely to decline during the Kharif season and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase foodgrain output and boost the growth rate of the agriculture sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): It is early to have a firm assessment of increase or decrease of total production of pulses in 2017-18 for the current year as the Second Advance estimate covering both Kharif and Rabi pulses are normally released in mid-February.

The details of kharif foodgrain production (as per 1st Advance Estimate 2017-18) including various pulses, cereals and rice in the country during the current year is given as under:

(in Million tonnes)

Crop	Production
Rice	94.48
Total Cereals	125.96
Tur	3.99
Urad	2.53
Moong	1.32
Total Pulses	8.71
Total Foodgrains	134.67

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(b): As per First Advance Estimates of National Income 2017-18 released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the rate of growth of agriculture & allied sector during the year 2017-18 is estimated at 2.1%.

(c): Total production of Kharif Foodgrains during 2017-18 is estimated at 134.67 million tonnes (as per first advance estimate) which is lower by 3.86 million tonnes as compared to last year's Kharif foodgrains record production of 138.52 million tonnes (as per fourth advance estimate). However, estimated kharif foodgrain production of 2017-18 is 6.43 million tonnes more than the average production of five years ending 2015-16.

Foodgrain output varies and exhibits a mixed trend on year to year basis depending on variations in weather, rainfall situation, irrigation facilities and shift in the area due to other competing crops.

(d): To increase the foodgrain production and to boost the growth rate of the agriculture sector Government implements various schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, Soil Health Card, promotion of Neem Coated Urea, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana. Also, Price Support Scheme and Market Intervention Scheme are implemented to ensure remunerative prices to farmers.
