

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1241**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

**DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED FOODGRAINS**

1241. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

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

- (a) whether the country has become dependent on imported foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make the country self-sufficient in foodgrains?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Total production of foodgrains in the country in 2017-18 was 284.83 million ton (as per 4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimate of Directorate of Economics and Statistics) whereas the import was only 7.52 million ton in that year which is 2.64% of total production. During the same period the export of foodgrains was 13.91 million ton which is 4.88% of total production.

(c): In order to increase the production and productivity of foodgrains including pulses, 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 and Soil Health Management (SHM), Rainfed Area Development (RAD), Sub Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP), Sub-mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Sub Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine (SMPPQ) etc.

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