

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 74

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7th FEBRUARY, 2023

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MILLETS

*74. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the United Nations (UN) has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets and if so, the details thereof along with the action plan of UN to increase the production of millets particularly in India;
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Government to promote the production of millets and the extent to which success has been achieved in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) the details of annual production of millets in the country during the last three years, State-wise including the State of Odisha;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to create awareness about the health benefits and to encourage consumption of millets;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the Guyana has offered 200 acres of land to India for cultivation and production of millets for private sector; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 74 DUE FOR REPLY ON 07.02.2023 REGARDING “PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MILLETS”.

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. To create domestic and global demand and to provide nutritional food to the people, Government of India had proposed to United Nations for declaring 2023 as International Year of Millets (IYM). The proposal of India was supported by 72 countries and United Nation’s General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2023 as International Year of Millets in March, 2021. The Government of India has also provided US\$ 5,00,000 to Food & Agricultural Organisation (FAO) to support the activities related to International Year of Millets – 2023. In order to promote millets, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 212 Districts of 14 States since 2018-19. Under NFSM–Nutri Cereals, incentives are provided to the farmers, through the states/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed minikits, publicity through print and electronic media etc. The interventions such as formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for Nutri Cereals, setting up Centers of Excellence (CoE) and seed hubs for Nutri Cereals have also been supported under NFSM.

The Government of India is implementing a multi stakeholder approach towards celebration of International Year of Millets (IYM) - 2023. The action plan of IYM-2023 focuses on strategies to enhance production and productivity, consumption, export, strengthening value chain, branding, creating awareness for health benefits etc. Further, a yearlong action plan for monthly activity has been prepared by Central Ministry, State Governments and Indian Embassies to create awareness about millets for increasing production and demand. In addition, states such as Odisha, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra are implementing State Millet Missions to increase production and consumption. In the Budget – 2023-24, it has been announced to make India a global

hub for Millet, the Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad to be supported as the Centre of Excellence for sharing best practices, research and technologies at the International level. The State wise average production of Millets in the country during the last 3 years, particularly in Odisha is given at **Annexure - I**.

(e) to (f): The President of Guyana during the courtesy meeting with Hon'ble Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister expressed his willingness to provide 200 acres of land for cultivation of Millets in Guyana. However, no formal proposal has been received in this Ministry.

Annexure – I

State – wise details of Average Production of Millets in the Country

S. No.	State/UT	*Avg. Production (in '000 Tonnes)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	464.9367
2.	Assam	3.196667
3.	Bihar	8.76
4.	Chhattisgarh	26.35667
5.	Gujarat	1079.34
6.	Haryana	1177.87
7.	Himachal Pradesh	4.35
8.	Jharkhand	16.64333
9.	Karnataka	2399.867
10.	Kerala	0.57
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1035.293
12.	Maharashtra	2413.1
13.	Odisha	57.09667
14.	Punjab	0.323333
15.	Rajasthan	4864.503
16.	Tamil Nadu	872.9533
17.	Telangana	137.87
18.	Uttar Pradesh	2231.323
19.	Uttarakhand	197.44
20.	West Bengal	8.533333
21.	Other	67.20667
All India		17067.53
*Average of 2019-20 to 2021-22		
