

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 227
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

CULTIVATION OF MILLETS

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SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

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

- (a) the details of production of millets during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is making efforts or considering to improve cultivation acreage and minimum support price for millets as it is a very important source of nutrition for poor farmers and is also very resource efficient;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made so far; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 227 DUE FOR REPLY ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021.

(a): The details of state-wise production of nutri-cereals (millets) during last three years & current year is given at **Annexure**.

(b) to (d): Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) since 2018-19 to increase area, production & productivity of millets in 212 districts of 14 States. The North Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh and UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have been given flexibility to include the districts under programme on nutri-cereals. Release (central share) made to the states under NFSM-Nutri Cereals programme during last three years & current year is as under:

(Rs. in crores)	
Year	Release
2018-19	73.38
2019-20	99.03
2020-21	99.57
2021-22*	43.71

*As on 06/12/21

In view of health benefits of millets, the Government of India notified millets as nutri-cereals in April, 2018. Nutri-cereals contribute substantially for food & nutritional security and are highly nutritious. Millet crops perform well in marginal (dryland) environments and are superior in nutritional properties with high micronutrient with low glycemic indices. Millets are not only comparable to major cereals with respect to their nutritional features but are very good sources of carbohydrates, micronutrients & phytochemicals with nutraceutical properties. Millets are natural source of iron, zinc, calcium & other nutrients.

The production of millets has increased from 137.11 lakh tonnes in 2018-19 to 179.59 lakh tonnes in 2020-21. To encourage the farmers to grow nutri-cereals (millets), Government declares Minimum Support Price (MSP) of three major millets i.e, jowar, bajra & ragi along with a minimum return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost

of production before main season of Kharif every year. MSP of jowar, bajra & ragi from 2013-14 to 2021-22 is as under:

(Rs per quintal)

Year	Jowar		Bajra	Ragi
	Hybrid	Maldandi		
2013-14	1500	1520	1250	1500
2014-15	1530	1550	1250	1550
2015-16	1570	1590	1275	1650
2016-17	1625	1650	1330	1725
2017-18	1700	1725	1425	1900
2018-19	2430	2450	1950	2897
2019-20	2550	2570	2000	3150
2020-21	2620	2640	2150	3295
2021-22	2738	2758	2250	3377

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 227 due for reply on 14.12.2021

State-wise Production of Nutri Cereals (Millets) during 2018-19 to 2021-22

(Production in '000 Tonnes)

State	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*	2021-22#
Andhra Pradesh	301.91	514.19	494.78	93.56
Assam	3.06	3.23	2.99	3.01
Bihar	14.37	8.00	10.27	10.84
Chhattisgarh	33.71	24.56	26.91	16.62
Gujarat	1000.15	990.48	1081.35	387.65
Haryana	899.56	1034.90	1366.56	908.27
Himachal Pradesh	5.95	6.81	8.12	8.17
Jharkhand	12.77	14.31	17.82	15.68
Karnataka	1762.17	2555.60	2545.86	1341.73
Kerala	0.47	0.54	0.57	0.07
Madhya Pradesh	851.34	895.71	983.82	1172.58
Maharashtra	1319.31	2428.70	2508.78	667.76
Odisha	48.18	48.07	54.88	58.62
Punjab	0.72	0.32	1.00	0.00
Rajasthan	4288.34	5146.89	5125.91	4960.39
Tamil Nadu	873.47	1017.03	947.86	537.79
Telangana	72.25	139.15	201.70	22.41
Uttar Pradesh	1967.27	2171.91	2298.20	2280.61
Uttarakhand	179.74	191.09	200.85	223.32
West Bengal	7.60	9.83	10.62	5.60
Others	68.99	59.38	69.98	48.71
All India	13711.33	17260.7	17958.83	12763.39

*4th Advance Estimates #1st Advance Estimates (Kharif only)
