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**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 338**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**MILLET CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION**

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

- (a) the data on the area under millet cultivation, production and productivity along with the details of the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and agripreneurs provided support in the millet value chain under various Government schemes during the last five years, State and year-wise;
- (b) the data on the export of millet-based products during the said period and the extent to which it has changed post-declaration of the International Year of Millets;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to incentivise food processing units, startups and exporters engaged in millet-based products;
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote millet cultivation, processing and consumption in the country; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering to provide Minimum Support Price enhancements or assured procurement for minor millets to incentivise farmers, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 338 FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025 REGARDING “MILLET CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION”**

(a): India is the world's largest producer of millets with a share of 38.4% of world's production (FAO, 2023). The country has achieved the total millet production of 180.15 lakh tonnes during 2024-25 (as per 3<sup>rd</sup> Advance Estimate) which is higher by 4.43 lakh tonnes from the previous year's production. The data on the area under millet cultivation, production and productivity during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise is provided in **Annexure I**.

Out of the 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), 412 FPOs are formed with millets as primary crop and 143 FPOs are formed with millets as secondary crop. The state-wise no. of FPOs with primary and secondary crop millets is given in **Annexure II**.

The Government is implementing “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme under Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) in which 5 Knowledge Partners and 24 RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) provide training & incubate startups for implementation of this programme, which includes one of the R-ABI i.e. ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research in Hyderabad, Telangana to promote millet based startups. Till date, financial assistance of Rs. 146.38 crore have been released to 1943 agri startups **including 151 millet based startups**. The details of these 151 millet based startups is at **Annexure III**.

(b): During 2024-25, India has exported 121.37 thousand metric tonnes of millets. The details of crop-wise exports under millets during the last five years is at **Annexure IV**.

(c) & (d): To promote millet cultivation and consumption across the country, and to incentivize food processing units, start-ups, and exporters engaged in millet-based products, the Government of India has undertaken a series of targeted interventions across the value chain.

A key initiative in this regard is the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Millet-Based Products (PLISMBP), launched for the period from FY 2022-2023 to FY 2026-2027 with a financial outlay of ₹800 crore. The scheme aims to promote the use of millets in food products and encourage value addition by providing incentives for the manufacturing of selected millet-based products and supporting their sale in both domestic and export markets.

To facilitate the export of millets and millet-based products, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has undertaken several initiatives, including capacity-building programmes, virtual buyer-seller meets, global marketing campaigns, and the development of a dedicated millet web portal and e-catalogues. It has also established an Export Promotion Forum (EPF) and is actively collaborating with start-ups, research institutions, and international agencies to strengthen the export ecosystem for millets.

In addition, assistance is being extended to start-ups engaged in the development of value-added millet products, particularly in the Ready-to-Cook (RTC) and Ready-to-Eat (RTE) segments. Start-ups in the food sector are being mobilized to drive innovation and commercialisation in this area. To further facilitate trade and traceability, separate Harmonized System (HS) codes have been introduced for millets and their value-added products.

Under the “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme, financial support upto Rs. 5 lakhs are provided at the idea/pre seed stage and upto Rs. 25 lakhs at the seed stage to entrepreneurs/ startups in agriculture & allied sector based on the recommendation given by the Selection and Investment Committee (SIC). Trainings, Technical and financial assistance is provided to startups to launch their products, services, business platforms, etc. in the market and facilitate them to scale up their products and operations to attain business viability.

On the production side, to increase the cultivation and productivity of millets (Shree Anna), the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals under the National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) in all districts of 28 States & 2 Union Territories viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Millets have also been integrated in major national nutrition and welfare programmes. Under the Poshan Abhiyan of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, millets are being promoted for their nutritional benefits. Furthermore, the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution has revised its procurement guidelines to ensure greater inclusion of millets under schemes such as the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), and the Mid-Day Meal scheme, thereby increasing millet consumption among vulnerable populations.

Following a proposal by India, backed by more than 70 countries, the United Nations General Assembly, at its 75th session in March 2021, declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. The year-long celebration successfully raised awareness about the nutritional and health benefits of millet consumption, the suitability of millets for cultivation under adverse and changing climatic conditions, and the benefits of creating sustainable market opportunities for producers and consumers

During its Presidency, India organised the two-day Global Millets Conference in March 2023 in New Delhi bringing together participants from more than 102 countries. The global conference, dedicated to the IYM 2023, facilitated discourse on important issues related to millets which included its production and consumption, nutritional benefits, value chain development, market linkages, and research and development.

In addition, a series of “Millet Mahotsav” were organised in 30 districts of various States/UTs as a part of International Year of Millet (IYOM 2023) to provide support for micro food processing entrepreneurs, particularly those engaged in the processing of millet products. It aimed to foster start-ups, entrepreneurs and boost the micro sector of the food industry.

(e): To incentivise farmers, the Government allows the procurement of Minor Millet such as Foxtail Millet (Kangani/Kakun), Proso Millet (Cheena), Kodo Millet (Kodo), little millet (Kutki) and Pseudo Millets such as Buck-wheat (kuttu) and Ameranthus (Chaulai) for 3 years (from 2023) at cost based on the MSP of Ragi, which has increased from Rs. 3846 per quintal in 2023-24 to Rs. 4290 per quintal in 2024-25 and Rs. 4886 per quintal in 2025-26.

## Annexure I

## STATE-WISE AREA, PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY OF MILLETS

State	Area (Thousand Hectare)					Production (Thousand Tonnes)					Productivity (Kg./Hect.)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Andhra Pradesh	206.00	152.00	133.00	168.54	165.00	540.61	359.15	375.92	428.59	417.89	2624	2363	2826	2543	2533
Arunachal Pradesh	26.82	27.12	27.46	27.76	#	27.62	28.01	28.45	28.79	#	1030	1033	1036	1037	#
Assam	4.97	4.82	6.00	8.73	7.00	3.26	3.20	4.79	6.76	5.15	656	664	799	775	735
Bihar	10.38	8.48	7.16	7.28	9.01	10.31	8.51	7.18	7.01	8.78	993	1004	1003	962	974
Chhattisgarh	92.20	56.88	47.52	44.62	40.85	26.24	28.18	23.54	25.94	19.34	285	495	495	581	473
Gujarat	520.26	510.48	551.56	584.65	543.19	1091.97	1179.08	1364.09	1408.90	1348.09	2099	2310	2473	2410	2482
Haryana	600.48	506.49	553.09	546.96	592.31	1366.56	1132.15	1213.97	1171.12	1261.72	2276	2235	2195	2141	2130
Himachal Pradesh	3.53	3.38	3.27	3.00	3.04	3.13	2.49	2.33	2.08	2.24	886	737	712	691	739
Jharkhand	20.77	20.73	17.44	32.92	42.86	17.72	18.07	13.62	31.95	48.11	853	872	781	970	1123
Karnataka	1783.00	1638.00	1527.00	1792.00	1692.00	2569.08	2053.60	2032.60	2161.54	2278.59	1441	1254	1331	1206	1347
Madhya Pradesh	517.00	555.00	605.00	615.00	483.00	1024.13	1181.40	1253.55	1302.01	1145.56	1981	2129	2072	2117	2372
Maharashtra	2885.00	2456.90	2034.50	2271.60	2250.47	2513.82	2305.38	1898.58	2163.74	2558.03	871	938	933	953	1137
Nagaland	10.17	8.67	12.52	18.04	#	11.31	8.22	14.00	19.82	#	1112	948	1118	1099	#
Odisha	83.33	101.05	93.05	115.73	71.98	55.16	68.08	76.34	94.83	58.90	662	674	820	819	818
Rajasthan	4914.58	4362.79	5212.45	4801.07	4997.47	5155.67	4279.74	5673.60	4885.68	5395.64	1049	981	1088	1018	1080
Tamil Nadu	580.22	554.61	489.74	495.75	474.71	905.26	765.48	630.22	676.37	766.00	1560	1380	1287	1364	1614
Telangana	102.00	74.00	73.00	114.00	171.56	166.33	122.76	132.40	255.58	305.84	1631	1659	1814	2242	1783
Uttar Pradesh	1093.00	1083.00	1155.00	1348.00	1129.12	2298.20	2225.65	2368.58	2699.53	2158.10	2103	2055	2051	2003	1911
Uttarakhand	138.00	133.00	115.00	109.26	106.00	200.85	200.38	175.77	167.57	154.99	1455	1507	1528	1534	1462
West Bengal	7.05	6.87	5.56	7.21	6.31	6.98	7.74	6.19	6.61	6.05	991	1126	1114	917	959
Others	34.66	24.69	29.16	33.04	78.14	26.34	22.49	25.50	27.20	75.61	760	911	874	823	966
<b>All India</b>	<b>13633.42</b>	<b>12288.96</b>	<b>12698.48</b>	<b>13145.16</b>	<b>12864.02</b>	<b>18020.55</b>	<b>15999.76</b>	<b>17321.22</b>	<b>17571.62</b>	<b>18014.63</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>1337</b>	<b>1400</b>

Data for the year 2024-25 is as per 3rd Advance Estimate.

Source: DA&amp;FW

#- Included in Others

**State-wise FPOs having millets as primary / secondary crops (as per MIS 05.08.2025)**

<b>State Name</b>	<b># FPOs with Millets as Primary Crop</b>	<b># FPOs with Millets as Secondary Crop</b>
Andhra Pradesh	26	7
Arunachal Pradesh	6	
Assam	2	
Bihar	4	1
Chhattisgarh	22	3
Gujarat	20	10
Haryana	23	15
Himachal Pradesh	1	
Jammu and Kashmir	1	1
Jharkhand	2	2
Karnataka	82	23
Kerala	1	
Madhya Pradesh	22	6
Maharashtra	31	8
Odisha	11	5
Rajasthan	67	22
Tamil Nadu	32	3
Telangana	9	3
Tripura	1	
Uttar Pradesh	38	25
Uttarakhand	11	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>143</b>

Source: SFAC

**State-wise list of millet based agri-Startups**

<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Agri Startups</b>
Andhra Pradesh	9
ASSAM	1
Bihar	4
Chhattisgarh	3
Delhi	1
Goa	1
Gujarat	5
Haryana	5
Himachal Pradesh	3
Jharkhand	1
Karnataka	16
Madhya Pradesh	3
Maharashtra	18
New Delhi	1
Odisha	5
Puducherry	1
Punjab	2
Rajasthan	5
Tamil Nadu	15
Telangana	43
Uttar Pradesh	6
Uttarakhand	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>

Source:DA&amp;FW

## Annexure IV

## EXPORT OF MILLETS FROM INDIA

(Qty in Thousand MT and Value in Rs. Crore)

Crop	2020-21 Qty	2020-21 Value(INR)	2021-22 Qty	2021-22 Value(INR)	2022-23 Qty	2022-23 Value(INR)	2023-24 Qty	2023-24 Value(INR)	2024-25 Qty	2024-25 Value(INR)
Jowar	42.34	130.82	50.47	150.51	47.25	184.50	37.05	153.25	37.93	155.07
Bajra	58.44	131.29	64.47	149.11	81.71	246.68	73.31	229.08	56.00	192.71
Ragi	25.41	56.97	23.26	52.01	21.44	51.99	18.86	64.07	18.56	65.45
Small Millets	1.61	6.92	0.71	3.53	1.10	5.70	3.77	42.13	8.88	89.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.80</b>	<b>326.00</b>	<b>138.91</b>	<b>355.17</b>	<b>151.49</b>	<b>488.88</b>	<b>132.99</b>	<b>488.53</b>	<b>121.37</b>	<b>502.35</b>

Source: DGCIS

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