

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5150
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2026

FOODGRAINS CRISIS

5150. SMT. MANJU SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the current foodgrains crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the said problem?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The production of foodgrains in the country has consistently increased from 3156.16 lakh tonnes during 2021-22 to 3577.32 lakh tonnes during 2024-25, reflecting an increase of 13.34% in the production and availability of food grains in the country. Rice production has increased from 1294.71 lakh tonnes (2021-22) to 1501.84 lakh tonnes (2024-25) showing increase of 207.13 lakh tonnes (15.99%). Wheat Production of India has increased from 1077.42 lakh tonnes during 2021-22 to 1179.45 lakh tonnes during 2024-25, reflecting an increase of 9.46%. As per second advance estimates for 2025-26, the foodgrain production is estimated at record 3486.57 lakh tonnes for kharif and rabi crops excluding summer.

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has been focussing on ensuring the food security of the country through its various schemes like the National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM), which is being implemented in the 28 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs) with the objective to increase production of Shree Anna, Rice, Wheat, and Coarse Cereals (Maize & Barley) through area expansion and productivity enhancement. The Government of India is also implementing the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses to enhance the production of pulses, focusing on higher yield. Under these schemes, assistance is being provided to the farmers through the States/UTs, on crop production & protection technologies and cropping system-based demonstrations, for distribution of certified seeds, for production of certified seeds, for Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management measures, for capacity building of farmers through cropping system-based trainings etc.
