

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF WHEAT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the average production rate of wheat in the country is more than that of many developed countries like Australia, Brazil and Canada;
- (b) if so, whether the consumer sale price of wheat in these countries is less vis-Ã - vis in India;
- (c) if not the assessment of the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the cost of production in the said countries is less as compared to India; and
- (e) if so, the details of the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes Sir, the yield (in kg/ha) of wheat in India is more than the countries like Australia, Canada and Brazil as per the figures available in FAO Production Year Book

1997 given below: (Yield = Kg./Ha.)

Country	Years
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1995	1996	1997
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India	2559	2493	2654
Australia	1790	2091	1712
Canada	2247	2360	2128
Brazil	1542	1846	1620

(b) & (c) As per the information available in FAO's publication "Food Outlook- Feb.2000, the f.o.b. price of wheat (per tonne) in USA and Argentina during the crop year 1998-99 was Rs.4207.10 - 5048.52 and Rs.4964.38 respectively as compared to the Minimum Support Price of Rs.5500 in India.

(d) & (e) Since the value of input parameters used in calculation of cost of production are different in different countries, these are not comparable and hence are not being compiled.