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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the states in the country that are self-dependent in foodgrain production;
- (b) whether these states have a stock of surplus foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof,
- (d) the States where wheat and pulses production has been increasing; and
- (e) the future of oilseeds mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): The High Level Committee on Long-Term Grain Policy constituted under the Department of Food & Public Distribution in its report (July 2002) has indicated that during 1999-2000 only Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh had surplus in rice and wheat, i.e., an excess of net official production over National Sample Survey consumption of rice and wheat. In rice, in addition to the above-mentioned four States, West Bengal also had surplus. The above five surplus States with 37% of population accounted for 61% of total rice and wheat output, of which 36% was surplus over their own consumption.
- (b) & (c): The total stocks of rice and wheat held by the Food Corporation of India (F.C.I.) and State agencies as on 1st November, 2003 is 220.72 lakh tonnes comprising 56.59 lakh tonnes of rice and 164.13 lakh tonnes of wheat.
- (d): The production of wheat has recently been increasing in Chhattisgarh, Uttranchal, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Tripura, Similarly, the production of pulses has recently been increasing in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Nagaland, Assam, Orissa and Rajasthan.
- (e): The Planning Commission has not agreed for the continuance of the Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses during the Tenth Plan.