

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1756  
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PRODUCTION OF RICE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the actual quantity of rice produced in the country during the last three years and thereafter, till date;
- (b) the details of top ten rice producing countries in the world and India's ranking therein;
- (c) the quantity of rice exported during the last three years and thereafter till date and the value thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to further improve the production of rice in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) : The total production of rice in the country for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the estimated production during kharif 2005-06 is shown in the table below:

Production of rice (in million tonnes)

# Fourth Advance Estimates \$ Kharif Production only as per First Advance Estimates.

(b) : As per Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) Production Year Book, 2003 after China, India is the second largest producer of paddy (rice) in the world. The other major paddy producing countries are Indonesia, Bangladesh, Viet Nam, Thailand, Myanmar, Phillipines, Japan and Brazil as per details shown in the Annexure.

(c) : The quantity of rice exported and the value thereof during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are shown in the table below:

	Q-Quantity in Million Tonnes		V-Value Rupees in Crores			
	April 02 to Mar 03		April 03 to Mar 04		April 04 to Mar 05	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
Rice	4.97	5831.24	3.41	4167.99	4.78	6641.67

(d) : The Government is implementing a scheme to increase the production and productivity of rice viz. Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice).

From October 2000, this scheme has been subsumed under Macro Management Programme with a view to provide flexibility to the States according to the regionally differentiated needs of the states. To boost agriculture sector and enhancing yields, improved crop production technologies are being popularized. Under this scheme assistance is provided for various inputs and training of farmers/ extension workers as well as supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers and water saving devices like sprinklers and drip systems etc.

A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'On Farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India' was launched in 2002-03. The objective of the scheme is to increase production and productivity of crops through exploiting abundant ground/surface water in the Eastern India. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for

- (i) installation of Shallow Tube Wells (STW) with pumping sets,
- (ii) electric/diesel water pumping sets,
- (iii) Low Lift Irrigation Points (LIP), and
- (iv) dug wells in hills and plateau regions. The scheme is being implemented in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, West Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. The scheme is a back-ended credit linked one and is being implemented through the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development.

Annexure Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1756 regarding 'Production of Rice' due for reply on 05.12.2005

Country	Paddy Production (Million Tonnes)		
	2001	2002	2003
China	179.31	176.34	166.42
India	140.01	107.60	132.01
Indonesia	50.46	51.49	52.08
Bangladesh	36.27	37.85	38.06
Vietnam	32.11	34.44	34.52
Thailand	26.52	26.06	27.00
Myanmar	21.91	22.78	24.64
Phillipines	12.96	13.27	14.03
Brazil	10.18	10.46	10.20
Japan	11.32	11.11	9.74
World	598.17	569.53	589.13