

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:363
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PRODUCTION OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of rice during the last three years in the country, variety-wise;
- (b) the total quantum of rice consumed in the country at present;
- (c) whether the production of rice is sufficient to meet the demand;
- (d) if not, the steps being taken to increase the production of rice in the country; and
- (e) the total quantum of rice exported during the last three years alongwith the reasons for such export despite its shortage in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 363 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2005.

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

Year	Production (Million Tonnes)
2002-03	71.82
2003-04	88.28
2004-05 #	85.31

4th advance estimates

However, variety-wise production data are not maintained.

(b): Based on the consumption data reported by National Sample Survey Organization, the consumption of rice at the all India level is estimated at about 82 million tonnes in 2005-06.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Though we are meeting our domestic demand and also exporting, Government is implementing various schemes to increase productivity and area under paddy. These include the Macro Management Scheme of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), encouragement for improved variety of seeds including hybrids, improved technologies for rice such as System of Rice Intensification (SRI), Zero Tillage and adoption of other resource conservation technologies.

(e): The quantum of rice exported during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is shown in the table below :

Year	Quantity (`000 tonnes)
2002-03	4967.87
2003-04	3412.10
2004-05	4772.00