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ANNUAL INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a target of 4% annual increase in agricultural produce has been fixed for future;
- (b) if so, the factual position and the target fixed crop-wise; and
- (c) the additional water required for irrigation to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The Tenth Plan targets a growth rate of 3.97% per annum for agriculture sector.

(b): The targets for production of various foodgrain crops and commercial crops are fixed on year to year basis. For the year 2005-06, targets of production for various crops are shown below:

Target Production in 2005-06

Foodgrains (in million tonnes)				
Rice	Wheat	Coarse Cereals	Pulses	Foodgrains
87.80	75.53	36.52	15.15	215.00

Commercial Crops			
Oilseeds	Sugarcane	Cotton	Jute & Mesta
26.58	237.50	16.50#	11.28\$

Million bales of 170 kgs. each

\$Million bales of 180 kgs. Each

(c): Although, availability of water for irrigation is one of the most important factors influencing agricultural production, there are other factors like incidences of pests & diseases, availability of inputs, favourable weather and temperature conditions etc. which exert great influence on agricultural production. Therefore, it is difficult to isolate and ascertain precisely the requirement of water for achieving the targets. However, in order to ensure adequate availability of water additional areas are being brought under irrigation. Micro irrigation systems are also encouraged to optimize the use of available water.