

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SOYA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of Soya recorded in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether Soya production declined this year as reported in Business Standard dated October 24, 2005;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The total production of soyabean in the country during 2002-03 to 2004-05 is shown in the table below :

(Lakh Tonnes)

Year Production

2003-04 78.63
2004-05# 75.10
2005-06 \$ 65.77

4th Advance Estimates \$ 1st Advance Estimates

(b) & (c): As per the 1st advance estimates of production of oilseeds and other commercial crops for the year 2005-06 released on 19.09.2005, the estimated production of soyabean in 2005-06 is 65.77 lakh tonnes which includes 31.85 lakh tonnes of estimated production in Madhya Pradesh which is slightly lower than the reported production figure of 33.35 lakh tonnes appearing in Business Standard dated 24th October 2005. However, 2nd advance estimates to be available in January 2006 will give a more firm assessment of production.

(d): The soyabean research and development (R&D) system has already given varieties with shorter maturity duration and which are capable of minimizing the drought effect. Further efforts are on to develop more varieties, which can withstand drought situation.

The soyabean R&D system has developed and made available the in-situ water conservation techniques available to the extension agencies/ growers to mitigate the drought effect.