

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION OF CEREALS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the cereals being produced in the country are sufficient to meet the domestic requirement;
- (b) if so, the details of production recorded during the last two years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the production of the cereals in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) : Based on the National Sample Survey Organisation's latest Consumer Expenditure Survey, the requirement of cereals for the country, including seed, feed and wastage, is given in the following table along with their production:

(Million Tonnes)			
Cereals	2003-04	2004-05#	
Production	198.52	191.23	
Consumption Requirement	165.53	168.07	

#: - 4th advance estimates.

As may be seen from the above table, production of cereals is more than the consumption requirement during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05. The State-wise details of production recorded during the last two years are shown in the Annexure.

(c) and (d) : For increasing the production of cereals, the Integrated Cereal Development Programme for cropping system based areas (Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals) which has since been subsumed under Micro Management Programme since 04.10.2000 is implemented in different states of the country. Under the Scheme, the assistance is provided for demonstration on improved package of practices including Integrated Pest Management (IPM), distribution of quality seeds for improved varieties/ hybrids, farm implements and water saving devices like sprinkler irrigation system. Besides, frontier crop production and protection technologies and newly released promising varieties and hybrids are also popularized through front line demonstrations at farmers field under direct funded component of Micro Management Programme.

Further, a new scheme on Enhancing Sustainability of Dryland Rainfed Farming System is being formulated to address the problems of dryland areas. Under the proposed scheme, it has been envisaged to provide assistance to the farmers for on farm water harvesting and conservation, insitu moisture conservation, on farm production and use of organic manures, moisture saving devices like drip and sprinkler systems of irrigation and alternate/composite farming systems.

Annexure

State-wise production of Cereals

(Million Tonnes)			
State/ UT	2003-04	2004-05	
1	2	3	
Andhra Pradesh	12.46	12.11	
Assam	3.97	3.72	
Bihar	10.65	9.46	
Chhattisgarh	5.75	4.66	
Gujarat	5.95	4.98	
Haryana	13.08	13.05	
Himachal Pradesh	1.39	1.63	
Jammu & Kashmir	1.36	1.70	
Jharkhand	2.77	2.12	
Karnataka	6.08	8.90	

Kerala	0.63	0.60
Madhya Pradesh	12.30	10.68
Maharashtra	8.90	9.10
Orissa	6.95	6.64
Punjab	24.69	25.81
Rajasthan	15.71	10.58
Tamil Nadu	4.26	6.44
Uttar Pradesh	41.85	39.10
Uttranchal	1.70	1.73
West Bengal	15.77	16.04
Others	2.31	2.19
All India	198.52	191.23