

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF MUSTARD

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of mustard by the farmers recorded in the country during 2004-05;

(b) whether the Government agencies procured less quantum of mustard from the farmers despite their having raised/harvested a bumper crop of mustard during the said period; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The production of Rapeseed & mustard during the 2004-05 is estimated at 83.56 lakh tonnes (4th advance estimates).

(b) & (c): Keeping in view the bumper production of mustard during Rabi-2005 season, National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) as Central Nodal Agency of the Government of India had procured an all time record quantity of 20.93 lakh metric tonnes of mustard seed from February to June, 2005.