

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of agricultural production received during each of the last three years and thereafter;
- (b) the reasons attributed to reported slowdown in agricultural growth;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the agriculture policy to ensure increase in agricultural growth; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : The production of foodgrains, oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane, jute & mesta during 2002-03 to 2004-05 and during the current year is given in the table below :

(Million Tonnes)				
Crop	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 \$
Foodgrains	174.77	213.46	204.61	209.32
Oilseeds	14.84	25.29	26.10	26.37
Cotton#	8.62	13.87	17.00	16.45
Sugarcane	287.38	237.31	232.32	266.88
Jute & Mesta \$\$	11.28	11.23	10.49	10.65

4th Advance Estimates of 2004-05 \$ 2nd Advance Estimates of 2005-06 # Million Bales of 170 kgs. each \$\$ Million Bales of 180 kgs. each

(b) : The agricultural production declined in 2002-03 because several regions/states were affected by drought. In 2003-04 good rainfall was received during the south-west monsoon and consequently there was a sharp increase in the agricultural production. During 2004-05, monsoon rainfall was deficient by 13% causing decrease in foodgrain production. In 2005-06 reasonably good agricultural production is expected because of normal monsoon rainfall.

(c) & (d) : For a sustainable growth in agriculture sector, a number of policies have been formulated. Major thrust of these policies is to broad base capital investment in agriculture and allied sectors. A series of policy initiatives have been taken in vital areas like credit, irrigation facilities, crop diversification, marketing infrastructure, horticulture and extension services. This process is being further strengthened through farm mechanization, agri-clinics and agri-business centers and extension services. Other areas for higher investment include micro-irrigation comprising drip and sprinkler irrigation, National Horticulture Mission having end-to-end approach with backward and forward linkages covering research, production, post harvest management, processing and marketing, under one umbrella, in an integrated manner.