

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GREEN REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to green revolution India is producing surplus grains;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to divert food crops to energy crops to produce ethanol; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The production of foodgrains has increased from 72.35 million tones during 1965- 66 (pre Green Revolution period) to 213.46 million tones during 2003-04 making country self- sufficient in foodgrains particularly rice and wheat. The Government is advising the States to promote diversification from cereal centric cropping systems to high value and low water demanding crops especially oilseeds, pulses, medicinal and aromatic plants, horticulture, floriculture, etc. while keeping in view the national food security.