

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

- (a) the total production of Ragi reported in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is a sharp decline in the production of Ragi which is required particularly for the diabetic patients;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government is making any effort to increase the production of Ragi at least in the above mentioned States by way of giving support price etc; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The total production of Ragi in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as under:

State	(Thousand Tonnes)		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Karnataka	1125.1	1733.0	1619.0
Andhra Pradesh	101.0	87.0	80.0
Tamil Nadu	271.1	154.1	230.0

NB : Data for 2005-06 are as per 4th Advance Estimates.

(b): The all India production of Ragi was 1965.7 thousand tonnes in 2003-04, 2432.4 thousand tonnes in 2004-05 and is estimated at 2294.0 thousand tonnes in 2005-06 as per the 4th advance estimates.

(c)&(d): For increasing production of coarse cereals including Ragi under specific crop based systems, the Central Government have been implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems areas (ICDP- Coarse Cereals) under Macro Management of Agriculture.

With a view to ensuring remunerative prices to the growers for their produce and encouraging higher investment and production, the Government announces each season Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities, including Ragi. The MSP of Ragi for the marketing year 2005-06 has been fixed at Rs.525 per quintal which shows an increase of 10% over the previous year's MSP which was Rs.515 per quintal.