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PRODUCTION OF RICE AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several States have shown surplus production of rice and wheat during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the areas showing decline in the production of foodgrains during the said period in the country; State-wise; and
- (d) the action envisaged by the Government to check shortage of foodgrains?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the State-wise estimates of production and consumption, the following States have shown surplus production of rice and wheat during the three years, 2003-04 to 2005-06:

4th Advance Estimates.

Note: The consumption estimates are arrived at on the basis of State-wise rural and urban monthly per capita consumption of rice and wheat given by the National Sample Survey 60th Round Report (2004), and the State-wise rural and urban population projected on the basis of 2001 census and the decadal growth rates given by the Registrar General of India.

(c): At the all India level, there have been fluctuations during the period in foodgrains production. The foodgrains production of major States are given in the Annexure.

(d): At present there is no shortage of foodgrains in the country. However, in order to increase over-all productivity and production of cereals under specific crop based systems, Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) are under implementation in the country as Centrally sponsored scheme. The Government is also implementing a Centrally sponsored scheme i.e. 'Integrated scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM)' from 1st April 2004 to increase their production and productivity.