

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

- (a) The total rice production at present in the country during the last three years, State-wise ;
- (b) Whether the production of rice is matching its requirements in the country ;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bridge the gap between production and requirement ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): State-wise production of rice in the country during the last three years, i.e., from 2003-04 to 2005-06, is given in the Annexure.
- (b)and(c) : The table below gives the production and estimated consumption requirement of rice in the country during the years 2003-04 to 2005-06:

Year	(Million Tonnes)			Difference
	Domestic Production	Consumption	Requirement	
2003-04	88.53	87.92	0.61	
2004-05	83.13	89.24	-6.11	
2005-06	91.04	90.54	0.50	

4th advance estimates released on 15.07.2006.

Note: Consumption requirement has been worked out on the basis of monthly per capita quantity of consumption reported in the National Sample Survey, 55th Round Report (1999-2000) and the population projections given by the Office of the Registrar General of India. The figures are inclusive of seed, feed and wastage.

The domestic production of rice matches with the projected consumption requirement barring the year 2004-05 during which rainfall from the south-west monsoon was deficient resulting in reduced rice production.

(d): To increase the production of rice in the country a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas

(ICDP-Rice)` is under implementation. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for propagation of improved production technology, hybrid rice production technology, integrated pest management through field demonstrations; training of farmers including women; transfer of technology through electronic media and published literature; for farm implements; installation of sprinkler irrigation system; varietal replacement and production of certified seeds. Besides, Frontline Demonstrations are also organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on farmers` fields on 100 percent Central assistance