

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) the quantum of increase/decrease of agricultural production registered in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, product-wise; and

(b) the action taken by the Government to increase the production in agriculture sector?

Answer

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

(a): The major agricultural product-wise quantum of increase/decrease in production registered in the country during each of the last three years and the current year is given below:

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)

Product 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07@ Increase/Decrease

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07
over over over
2003-04 2004-05 2005-06

Foodgrains	213.19	198.36	208.59	209.17	-14.83	10.23	0.58
Oilseeds	25.19	24.35	27.98	23.62	-0.83	3.62	-4.36
Sugarcane	233.86	237.09	281.17	315.53	3.23	44.08	34.36
Cotton #	13.73	16.43	18.50	20.96	2.70	2.07	2.47

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In million bales of 170 kg each.

(b): In order to increase the production of cereals in the country, Centrally Sponsored Schemes `Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP- Rice), Wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat) and Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals)` subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture with effect from October 2000 are under implementation. Under the scheme assistance is provided for propagation of improved/hybrid production technology, integrated pest management, transfer of technology, farm implements, installation of sprinkler irrigation system, varietal replacement and production of certified seeds.

To increase the production of oilseeds and pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is under implementation since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments for production of breeder/ foundation/ certified seeds, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed, and Minikits, infrastructure development and integrated Pest Management.

To increase sugarcane, a scheme named Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBCAS) is under implementation in major sugarcane growing States. The main thrust of the scheme is on the transfer of improved technology to the farmers through field demonstrations, training of farmers, supply of farm implements, enhancing seed production and pest control measures.

To increase cotton production, Government has launched technology mission from 2000- 01. Under this mission, assistance is provided for production and distribution of seeds of varieties/hybrids not older than 15 years, transfer of technology through

demonstrations, training of farmers and extension workers, plant protection measures including Integrated Pest Management demonstrations, supply of sprayers, pheromone traps, bio-agents as well as water saving devices like sprinklers and drip irrigation system.