

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ESTIMATES FOR THE AGRICULTURAL YIELD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has drawn estimates several times for agricultural yields for the year 2004-05;
- (b) if so, the details of each estimate and number of times were drawn;
- (c) the quantum of agricultural yield as per the estimates drawn every time;
- (d) the reasons for the difference between the quantum of yield according to the first and the final estimates;
- (e) whether the losses suffered in North-India due to hailstorms and excessive rains in the month of March were taken into account while drawing the final estimates;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) to (c) As per practice, four advance estimates of production in respect of cereals, including coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds and other commercial crops, namely, cotton, jute, mesta and sugarcane are released every year at an interval of three months starting from September/October and ending with June/July. For the year 2004-05, three advance estimates of production have been brought out so far, the latest being the third advance estimates brought out on 23rd March 2005. However, yield estimates are not given as part of advance estimates because these estimates are not based on complete data on yield derived from crop cutting experiments. The figures of production as per the three advance estimates already made are given in the enclosed Statement-I and II.

(d) The final estimates of production and yield for the year 2004-05 are to be brought out six months after the completion of the agriculture. Thus, for 2004-05, the final estimates are due in December 2005. However, it may be stated that the first advance estimates are not comparable with other estimates as the figures relate only to Kharif crops.

(e) and (f) The final estimates to be furnished by the State Agricultural Statistics Authorities (SASAs) of individual States will reflect the impact of weather related factors.