

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:285
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PRODUCTIVITY OF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative details of the trend in productivity of major crops such as rice, wheat, maize, pulses, oilseeds and millets in the country and in other developing countries during the last three years and thereafter; and

(b) the efforts being made by the Government to improve the productivity of these crops in the country and to bring them at par with the international levels?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) and (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 285 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2007.

(a): The comparative details of the trend in productivity of paddy, wheat, pulses viz. Chick Peas, Lentils and Dry Beans, oilseeds viz. Groundnut, Soyabean and Rapeseed & Mustard and millet in India and other developing countries from 2001 to 2005 (latest available) are given in the Annexure.

(b): To increase cereals productivity, Centrally Sponsored Schemes the Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals are in place from October 2000. Under the schemes, assistance is provided on 90:10 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments for propagation of improved/hybrid production technology, pest management, farm implements, installation of sprinkler irrigation system, varietal replacement and production of certified seeds. Likewise, to increase the productivity of oilseeds, pulses and maize, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is in place 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 seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed and minikits, infrastructure development and integrated pest management.

The Government of India has recently approved two schemes viz.

(i) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) for increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains, and

(ii) Additional Central Assistance Scheme (ACAS) for incentivising the States to invest more in agriculture sector which in turn is expected to improve the over all growth of the sector.