

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the latest position of India in agriculture production in the world at present, crop-wise; and  
(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make India a leading country in agricultural production?

**Answer**

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

(a): Following table gives the position India occupied in 2005 (latest available year) in the production of some major crops in the world:

Crop      India`s Position

Paddy	Second
Wheat	Second
Maize	Sixth
Chick Peas (Gram)	First
Groundnut	Second
Rapeseed & Mustard	Third
Soyabean	Fifth
Sugarcane	Second
Cottonseed	Third
Onion	Second
Potato	Third

Source: FAO website accessed on 28.08.2007

(b): To increase agricultural production, Centrally Sponsored Schemes Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals are in place from October 2000. To increase the productivity of oilseeds, pulses and maize, Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is in place since 01.04.2004.

The Government of India has recently approved two schemes for increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains and improving the agricultural growth in the country. These are

- (i) National Food Security Mission (NFSM), and  
(ii) Additional Central Assistance Scheme (ACAS).