

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF JOWAR AND RAGI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is drastic reduction in the production of cereals including ragi and jowar in the country particularly in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details of production of cereals during each of the last three years, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the decrease in the production of these cereals;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of ragi and jowar particularly in Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The estimated production of cereals (rice, wheat and coarse cereals) in the country has increased from 203.08 million tonnes during 2006-07 to 219.90 million tonnes during 2008-09. The State-wise details of estimated production of cereals during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 to 2008-09 are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): To increase the production of cereals (Rice, Wheat, Ragi, Jowar, Bajra etc.) in the country including Karnataka, the Government is implementing the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas since October 2000 under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture. Ragi and Jowar being staple food crop in Karnataka, the State Government is promoting production of these crops in the State through large scale demonstrations on improved technology and providing quality seeds at subsidized rates.