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March, 2009	20645	20045	20740	21095
April, 2009	22432	21142	22421	22679
May, 2009	23057	21809	23609	23117
June, 2009	22861	21796	23170	22987

One candy=355.62 kilograms.

Source: Ministry of Textiles.

Production of rice

2285. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of Rabi rice was less during 2008-09 compared to 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken/propose to take steps for higher production of Rabi rice during the current season; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the 4th advance estimates, the production of Rabi rice at all India level during 2008-09 is estimated at 14.57 million tones which is 0.54 million tones higher than the production of 14.03 million tones during Rabi 2007-08.

(c) and (d) In order to increase the production of rice in the country, the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is being implemented since 2007-08. The NFSM-Rice is being implemented in 136 districts of 14 States with an objective to increase the production of rice by 10 million tones by the terminal year of the Eleventh Plan, *i.e.*, by 2011-12. Besides NFSM, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme [Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice), subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture is also under implementation.

Survey on agricultural land productivity

2286. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey on agricultural lands in the country keeping in view their fluctuating index of farm productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas of land where the percentage of productivity has registered an increase or decrease;