

(f) The details of production of pulses, oilseeds and deep sea marine production during last three years are as under:—

		(Production in million tonnes)		
Sl. No	Crops	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1.	Pulses	14.20	14.76	14.57
2.	Oilseeds	24.29	29.76	27.72
3.	Deep sea marine products	3.02	2.91	2.97

Source: ESA and Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries.

Foodgrains output

911. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent agencies have made assessments on the foodgrains output for the year 2009-10;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a possibility of short fall in the output of foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir As per the 2nd Advance Estimates released by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation on 12.02.2010, the foodgrains production in 2009-10 is estimated at 216.85 million tonnes which is 17.61 million tones lower than the production of 234.47 million tonnes during 2008-09. The shortfall in foodgrains production has been on account of delayed/deficient monsoon and drought in various parts of the country during kharif 2009-10.

Despite decline in production of foodgrains, the position of stocks of rice and wheat in the Central Pool is comfortable. In Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2008-09 and 2009-10, there has been record procurement of 226.89 lakh tonnes and 253.82 lakh tonnes of wheat in the country. Similarly, there has also been record procurement of 287.36 lakh tonnes and 336.84 lakh tonnes of rice during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively. With considerably higher procurement of wheat and rice during the last two years and estimated procurement of about 260 lakh tonnes of rice in current year *i.e.* 2009-10, the stocks of rice and wheat in the Central Pool are sufficient to meet the requirement of TPDS and other welfare schemes.