

Crop	Estimated production (million tones)	
	2009-10	2008-09
Rice	87.56	99.18
Wheat	80.28	80.68
Pulses	14.74	14.57
Foodgrains	216.85	234.47
Oilseeds	26.32	27.72

Steps to develop varieties of mangoes

902. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:
SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to develop various varieties of mangoes in coordination with the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):
A centre to take up research for varietal development and production system management of mango has been established at PARIYA, Navsari Agriculture University under All India Co-ordinated project on subtropical fruits. The centre has 172 varieties under field evaluation and has developed hybrids namely, Neeleshan, Neeleshwari Neelphonso and Sonpari.

Besides development of new hybrids, the centre is also testing cultivar developed in other institutes for its suitability in Gujarat.

Sugarcane production

†903. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sugarcane production in the year 2008 and 2009;
- (b) the reasons for shortfall in sugarcane production;
- (c) the quantity of sugar that had to be imported due to shortage in sugarcane production and the amount of foreign exchange incurred thereon; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to boost farmers for increasing sugarcane production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):
(a) The estimated production of sugarcane in the country during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 (2nd Advance Estimates) stand at 285.03 million tones and 251.27 million tones respectively.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.