

watershed management and soil health, to enhance the productivity of the dry land farming areas.

3. Rs. 200 crore provided for sustaining the gains already made in the green revolution areas through conservation farming, which involves concurrent attention to soil health, water conservation and preservation of biodiversity.
4. Banks have been consistently meeting the targets set for agriculture credit flow in the past few years. For the year 2010-11, the target has been set at Rs. 3,75,000 crore.
5. In view of the recent drought in some States and the severe floods in some other parts of the country, the period for repayment of the loan amount by farmers extended by six months from December 31, 2009 to June, 30, 2010 under the Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme for Farmers.
6. Incentive of additional one per cent interest subvention to farmers who repay short-term crop loans as per schedule, increased to 2% for 2010-11.

**Production of rice, wheat, pulses and oilseeds**

906. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:  
SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of production of rice, wheat, pulses, edible oil, oilseeds and sugar during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (b) the status of consumption of rice, wheat, edible oil, oilseeds, pulses and sugar during the above periods;
- (c) the status of cultivable land area of rice, wheat, oilseeds, pulses and sugarcane during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to enhance production of these items of food and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):  
(a) The details of production of rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and sugar during the year 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as under:—

Crops	(Million tonnes)		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10*
Rice	96.69	99.18	87.56
Wheat	78.57	80.68	80.28
Pulses	14.76	14.57	14.74
Oilseeds	29.76	27.72	26.32
Sugar	26.30	14.67	16.00

\*2nd Advance estimates released on 12.02.2010.

*Note:* Production of sugar for 2008-09 and 2009-10 is provisional.

(b) Details of consumption of rice, wheat, pulses etc. are collected through Consumer Expenditure Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The consumption estimates from the above surveys are available only upto 2006-07.

(c) The details of area coverage under rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and sugarcane during the last three years *i.e.* 2006-07 to 2008-09 are as under:—

(Million hectare)			
Crops	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Rice	43.81	43.91	45.54
Wheat	27.99	28.04	27.75
Pulses	23.19	23.63	22.09
Oilseeds	26.51	26.69	27.56
Sugarcane	5.15	5.06	4.42

(d) Government is implementing a number of schemes to enhance the production of rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and sugarcane in the country through area increase and productivity enhancement. Major schemes being implemented by the Government include National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) subsumed under Macro Management of Agriculture etc. Besides, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana launched by the Government also aims to incentives the States to increase the investment in Agricultural and Allied Sectors. Government also provides encouragement to farmers by ensuring remunerative prices for their produce in the form of Minimum Support Price of various crops revised from time to time. The above steps have led to increased production of rice, wheat, pulses and other foodgrains in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

#### **Fishing harbours and fish landing centres in Andhra Pradesh**

907. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing fishing harbours and fish landing centres in Andhra Pradesh with details of their locations;

(b) whether financial assistance has been provided to the State for modernization and expansion of these fish landing centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether new fishing harbours and fish landing centres are also proposed in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?