

Production and procurement of coarse grain

912. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of coarse grain/millets between 2004-2005 to 2009-2010;
- (b) the procurement by Government in these years; and
- (c) the procurement price for the coarse grain during this period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):
(a) and (b) The details of production and procurement of coarse grain/millets during the years 2004-05 to 2009-10 are as under:—

	(Lakh tonnes)					
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Production/						
Procurement						
Production	334.65	340.69	339.23	407.50	400.38	342.73 *
Procurement	8.26	11.51	**	2.03	13.75	2.85\$

*2nd Advance estimates released on 12.2.2010

\$As on 02.03.2010

**Negligible

(c) The details of Procurement Price/Minimum Support Price (MSP) of major coarse grains for the years 2004-05 to 2009-10 are given in the table below:—

Crop	Minimum Support Price (Rs./Quintal)					
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Jowar	515	525	540	600	840	840
Bajra	515	525	540	600	840	840
Maize	525	540	540	620	840	840
Ragi	515	525	540	600	915	915
Barley	540	550	565	650	680	750

Component plan for women farmers

913. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is earmarking some outlay in the Budget for Women Component Plan for the welfare of women farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of outlay earmarked for the last five years under the Plan, year-wise;