

1	2	3
Wheat	Rabi	82.0
Total Coarse	Kharif	32.60
Cereals	Rabi	11.40
	Total	44.00
Pulses	Kharif	5.71
	Rabi	10.79
	Total	16.50
	Total	Kharif 125.31
Foodgrains	Rabi	119.19
	Total	244.50
Cotton		260.00
Sugarcane		3150.00
oilseeds	Kharif	207.00
	Rabi	125.00
	Total	332.00

Balance between requirement and production of foodgrains

‡1708. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of foodgrains has increased in the country over the past years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that despite the increase, the availability of foodgrains in the country is less than requirement;

(c) if so, the assessment of the requirement of foodgrains of the country; and

(d) by when there would be a balance between the production of foodgrains and the quantum of requirement of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) to (c) The details of estimated production of foodgrains in the country vis-a-vis their demand

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projected by the Working Group of Planning Commission constituted for 11th Five Year Plan and net availability during 2007-08 onwards are as under : -

(million tonnes)

Year	Estimated Production	Projected Demand	Net Availability
2007-08	230.78	214.02	183.53
2008-09	234.47	219.01	189.52#
2009-10	218.11	224.04	-
2010-11	232.07*	229.12	-

* As per 2nd Advance Estimates released on 09.02.2011

As on 20.07.2010

The availability of foodgrains in the country keeps changing due to fluctuations in the production levels, imports, exports etc.

(d) The overall production of foodgrains during 2007-08 onwards (except in 2009-10) has been in excess of their demand. During 2009-10, the production of foodgrains suffered due to drought in various parts of the country.

Scheme to promote fodder crops

†1709. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on a scheme to promote fodder-crop in the country;

(b) if so, the outline of the scheme;

(c) whether as per the scheme any assessment has been made regarding increase in the number of cattle in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme has been under

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