

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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implementation since 2005 and it has been modified recently in 2010. Now the scheme has nine components including Fodder Seed Procurement and Distribution, Grassland Development including Grass Reserves, which aim at promoting fodder crops in the country. Also the department is implementing a Central Sector Scheme, Central Minikit Testing Programme under which high yielding new varieties of fodder crops are distributed free of cost among farmers through the state Government.

(c) and (d) No Sir. It is too early to assess the gains of this new initiative.

#### **Average production rate of foodgrains**

†1710. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken many measures to increase productivity rate of agricultural productions in the country over the years;

(b) if so, the measures and when they were effected during 2004-05 to 2010-11; and

(c) the average production rate of wheat, rice, oilseeds, pulses, cotton and sugarcane in 2004-05 and 2010-11?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government of India has been implementing a number of schemes for enhancing the production and productivity of various foodgrain crops in the country. The status of major schemes that are being implemented since 2004-05 are as follows:

Scheme	Year of initiation
National Food Security Mission for rice, wheat, pulses	2007-08
Integrated Schemes for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM)	2004
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)	2007-08
Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) under Macro Management mode of Agriculture	2001-02
Accelerated Pulses Production Programme; Green Revolution in Eastern India and 60,000 pulses and Oil seed villages	2010-11
National Project on Management of soil health and productivity	2008-09

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