

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	Estimated Production		Procurement (According to Marketing Season)	
	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10
Wheat	80.68	80.80	22.69	25.38
Rice	99.18	89.09	34.10	32.03

Setting up of NCSC

1722. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee, appointed by Government, has recommended setting up of National Crop Statistics Centre (NCSC) for meticulous data collection on diverse crops in collaboration with the Departments of Agriculture and Space;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed NCSC will provide reliable and timely estimates at State and national levels of area under major crops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. With a view to plan, manage and supervise all operations involved in providing reliable and timely data needed for monitoring agricultural trends and for policy making at the states and national level, the Committee set-up by the Government under the Chairmanship of Prof. A. Vaidyanathan, has recommended setting up of a National Crop Statistics Centre (NCSC) as an autonomous organization in the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of India. The proposed NCSC will be the nodal agency to undertake the above activities in collaboration with Departments of Agriculture and Space.

Naip for deep sea fisheries

1723. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: