

Food inflation due to low production

†1269. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the report of decline in production of certain crops in the country is bound to intensify food inflation;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the foodgrains which are estimated to register decline in availability and the percentage thereof against requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There are no such reports. Details of foodgrain, pulses and sugarcane production in the country during the last three years are given in Statement (*See* below).

Foodgrain and sugarcane production in the country has steadily increase in the country over last three years. However, there has been a marginal decline in the production of pulses.

- (c) There is no estimated decline in foodgrain production.

Statement*Production of important food crops during last three years*

(in million tonnes)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12*
Rice	89.09	95.98	102.75
Wheat	80.68	80.8	88.31
TOTAL FOODGRAINS	218.11	244.78	250.42
Tur	2.46	2.86	2.72
Gram	7.48	8.22	7.66
Urad	1.23	1.76	1.73
TOTAL PULSES	14.66	18.24	17.28
Sugarcane	292.3	342.38	347.86

*As per second advance estimates

Source: DAC

Increase in storage capacity of foodgrains

1270. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that storage capacity of foodgrains needs to be

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