

Production of foodgrains

*35. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the foodgrains production in the country in last three years, per-head, per year;
- (b) the names of the top three countries in the world in foodgrains production; and
- (c) whether Government is contemplating to double the production in the coming three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) to (c) The details of annual per capita production of foodgrain in the country during last three years *i.e.* 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as under:

Year	Per Capita per year Foodgrain Production (in kg)
2013-14	215.26
2014-15	202.19
2015-16*	199.94

* Per Capita Foodgrain Production has been derived based on the Fourth Advance Estimates for 2015-16 released on 2nd August, 2016.

As per the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the top three foodgrain producing countries in the world for 2014 (latest available) are China, United States of America (USA) and India.

The agricultural production depends upon several factors including availability of cultivable land, vagaries of nature, temperature, weather and rainfall scenario, availability of water in reservoirs, etc. The target for production of different agricultural crops including foodgrains are fixed on year to year basis taking into account the past production trend and other relevant factors. The Government has been constantly endeavoring to increase production and productivity of all agricultural crops including foodgrain in the country through various Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Soil Health Card etc.

In addition, Government imports various agricultural commodities to augment their domestic availability.