

**Increase in production of foodgrains**

2219. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foodgrains production in the country is satisfactorily increasing every year;
- (b) if so, the production of foodgrains in the country in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19; and
- (c) the quantum of production of paddy, wheat and vegetables during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) Except in the years of erratic/deficient rainfall and unfavourable weather conditions, the production of agricultural crops in the country has been generally increasing. The country has achieved a record foodgrain production of 285.01 million tonnes during 2017-18.

The details of production of foodgrains, paddy (in terms of rice), wheat, and vegetables in the country during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (as per 3rd Advance Estimate of foodgrains including rice and wheat and 2nd Advance Estimate of vegetables) are given as under:—

(in million tonnes)

Crops	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Foodgrains	275.11	285.01	283.37
Rice	109.70	112.76	115.63
Wheat	98.51	99.87	101.20
Vegetables	178.17	184.39	187.37

**Proposal to save poor landless farmers**

2220. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that PM's income support scheme will benefit over 8 lakh large farmers of the country;