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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 241
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

PRODUCTION OF WHEAT

241. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of wheat is being affected due to rising temperatures in the last few years during sowing or growth period of crops which is ultimately affecting the food security, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the production of adequate wheat since wheat contributes more than 71 per cent to the total foodgrain production in the country, if so, the details of wheat production during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): No Sir, Despite a rise in mean temperature, wheat production and productivity has not declined due to timely interventions by the Government to develop climate resilient varieties and replacement of old varieties with high yielding varieties etc.

(b): Yes Sir, Due to concerted approach taken by the Government through various schemes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Soil Health Card (SHC), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) etc. The details of wheat production during the last five years are as under:

Year	Production (million tonnes)
2014-15	86.53
2015-16	92.29
2016-17	98.51
2017-18	99.87
2018-19*	102.19

*as per 4th advance estimates of Directorate of Economics & Statistics