

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LAND UNDER CULTIVATION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of agricultural land in hectares under cultivation in the country particularly in Karnataka, State-wise;
- (b) the number of persons employed in these agricultural lands, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Union Government to boost agriculture in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b) : The total area under foodgrains and commercial crops in Karnataka and other major states as well as the state-wise number of cultivators and agricultural labourers are shown in the annexure.

c): The programmes aimed at boosting production and productivity of foodgrains include the following: Integrated Cereals Development Programmes in Rice Based, Wheat Based, Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals).

From October 2000, these schemes have been subsumed under Macro Management Programme with a view to provide flexibility to the States according to the regionally differentiated needs of the states. To boost agriculture sector and enhance yields, improved crop production technologies are being popularized. Under this scheme assistance is provided for various inputs and training of farmers/ extension workers as well as supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers and water saving devices like sprinklers and drip systems etc.

A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme `On Farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India` was launched in 2002-03. The objective of the scheme is to increase production and productivity of crops through exploiting abundant ground/surface water in the Eastern India. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for

(i) installation of Shallow Tube Wells (STW) with pumping sets,

(ii) electric/diesel water pumping sets,

(iii) Low Lift Irrigation Points (LIP), and

(iv) dug wells in hills and plateau regions. The scheme is being implemented in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, West Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is being implemented since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided for Production of breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed, and Minikits, infrastructure development, integrated Pest Management etc. Besides, front line demonstrations on improved production technologies in oilseeds and pulses are being conducted through Indian Council of Agricultural Research as a transfer of technology efforts among the farmers.

A new scheme `Enhancing Sustainability of Dry land/ Rainfed Farming Systems` aims at addressing issues like rainwater harvesting and its efficient utilization in situ soil moisture conservation; use of organics/organic manures; alternate land use; and adoption of improved dry land farming technologies. This scheme is proposed to be implemented in the arid and semi arid regions of the country particularly in the districts having low annual rainfall and less coverage under assured irrigation.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2876 on Land under Cultivation in Karnataka by Shri Iqbal Ahmed Saradgi to be replied on 12.12.05

Total area under foodgrains and commercial crops in Karnataka and other major states and the state-wise number of cultivators and

agricultural labourers

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Labour persons employed
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Andhra Pradesh	10.62	7.86	13.83	21.69
Assam	3.15	3.73	1.26	4.99
Bihar	6.93	8.19	13.42	21.61
Chhattisgarh	5.43	4.31	3.09	7.4
Gujarat	8.88	5.8	5.16	10.96
Haryana	5.65	3.02	1.28	4.3
Himachal Pradesh	0.88	1.95	0.09	2.04
Jammu & Kashmir	1.04	1.59	0.25	1.84
Jharkhand	1.95	3.89	2.85	6.74
Karnataka	10.83	6.88	6.23	13.11
Kerala	0.30	0.72	1.62	2.34
Madhya Pradesh	18.86	11.04	7.4	18.44
Maharashtra	19.01	11.81	10.82	22.63
Orissa	5.67	4.25	5	9.25
Punjab	7.03	2.07	1.49	3.56
Rajasthan	16.75	13.14	2.52	15.66
Tamilnadu	4.66	5.12	8.64	13.76
Uttar Pradesh	22.61	22.17	13.4	35.57
Uttranchal	1.19	1.57	0.26	1.83
West Bengal	7.79	5.65	7.36	13.01
Others	1.41	2.55	0.81	3.36
All-India	160.62	127.31	106.78	234.09

\$ Fourth Advance Estimates of 2004-05

Census of India 2001