

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AREA UNDER WHEAT CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area under wheat cultivation during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the area under wheat cultivation in the country is declining;
- (c) if so, the action taken to arrest this trend;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide irrigation facilities in the un-irrigated areas growing wheat; and
- (e) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): State-wise details of area under wheat during the years 2006-07 to 2009-10 are given in the Annexure.
- (b)&(c): The area under wheat is hovering around 28 million hectares during the last few years.
- (d)&(e): Government has taken a number of steps to provide irrigation facilities in the un-irrigated areas. For this purpose, a large number of dams have been constructed in different river basins as a result of which, the total live storage capacity of the dams completed in the country has gone up to 225 Billion Cubic Meters (BCM).