

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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KHARIF PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the action plan prepared in each State to increase kharif production;
- (b) whether preference is likely to be given to the millet crops for the kharif season;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of incentives to be announced for each State especially, Andhra Pradesh?

**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. THOMA)

- (a): States have prepared their Annual Action Plans for the kharif season including millets based on three different situations i.e.
- (i) Timely and normal monsoon
  - (ii) Delayed/deficient rainfall and
  - (iii) excess rainfall. The States have been given flexibility for preparation of Annual Plan for getting support under different schemes of Government of India. The input requirements and supply are finalised in zonal input meetings. Action plans are discussed and finalised in national kharif conference.
- (b)&(c): Millets are mainly grown in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Rajasthan in Kharif. While considering the Annual Plans of the States under Macro-Management scheme, preference is given to the programme/activities proposed for millet crops.
- (d): Under Macro Management support is provided to the farmers through State Department of Agriculture for organising demonstration of improved production technologies, supply of certified seed of improved varieties/hybrids at subsidized rates, seed minikits of new varieties/hybrids, supply of micro-nutrient/gypsum and capacity building of farmers for increasing the production and productivity of these crops in the country including Andhra Pradesh.