

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE DIVERSIFICATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is promoting crop diversification through implementation of various schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the technical plans of the Government to insulate agriculture from the effect of drought in the country; and
- (d) the plans, other than technical plan of the Government for agriculture diversification?

**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) & (b): Government has been promoting crop diversification through implementation of various crop production Schemes, namely; Technology Mission on Cotton, Jute Technology Mission, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize, National Horticulture Mission etc.

(c) & (d): Annual Action Plans are prepared by the States for three different situations i.e.,

(i) Timely and normal monsoon

(ii) Delayed/deficient rainfall and

(iii) Excess rainfall. The States have adequate flexibility for preparation of Annual Plan for getting support under different Schemes of Government. In order to face extreme fluctuations of weather conditions, advisories are issued to States from time to time on steps to be taken for mitigating the situation. Based on the advisories issued to them, alternate technical crop planning is done by the States.