

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFT IN CROPPING PATTERN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a tendency of shifting from one cropping pattern to another in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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) to (c): The tendency of shifting from one cropping pattern to another depends on situation arising out of climatical condition during crop season, land quality, irrigation facilities development, market situation, minimum support price of the commodity fixed by Government.

Due to drought that prevailed in Kharif 2009 area under pulses, coarse cereals has increased & rice area decreased.

2010 (in lakh ha.) 2009 (in lakh ha.)

Pulses 104.22 98.08

Coarse Cereals 209.58 208.26

Rice 366.25 407.94

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) developed several alternative cropping systems as for different Agro ecological regions of the country as per the fluctuating climatic conditions. States are issued advisories from time to time to plan for the alternate crops as per the recommendations of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).