

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FOODGRAIN ACREAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of cultivation of rice, wheat, sugarcane, pulses and oil seeds in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, crop-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the acreage of such crops?

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 and Crop-wise area under cultivation of rice, wheat, sugarcane, pulses and oilseeds during 2006-07 to 2009-10 is given in Annexure.

(b): Government is implementing a number of schemes to enhance the production of rice, wheat, pulses, sugarcane and oilseeds in the country through area increase and productivity enhancement in targeted districts. Major schemes being implemented by the Government include National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) etc. Besides, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana launched by the Government also aims to incentivize the States to increase the investment in Agricultural and Allied Sectors. Government also provides encouragement to farmers by ensuring remunerative prices for their produce in the form of Minimum Support Price of various crops enhanced from time to time.