

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under cultivation of mustard, groundnut, soyabean and palm oil for the rabi and kharif season and the quantum of production thereof during each of the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for the decline?

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): Details of area and production of rapeseed & mustard, groundnut and soyabean in the country during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 to 2008-09 are given in the table below:-

Crop Season Area ('000 Hectares) Production ('000 Tonnes)
2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

Rapeseed & Mustard
Rabi 6790.0 5825.5 6298.1 7437.8 5833.6 7200.7
Groundnut
Kharif 4780.3 5312.1 5285.8 3294.2 7362.4 5617.1
Rabi 834.8 979.9 879.1 1569.3 1820.1 1551.0
Total 5615.1 6292.0 6164.9 4863.5 9182.5 7168.1
Soyabean
Kharif 8328.7 8881.7 9510.8 8850.8 10968.2 9905.4

Data on area coverage and production of oil palm is not maintained.

Major reasons for decline in the production of oilseeds in the country during the above period are: low productivity of oilseeds due to their cultivation under rainfed conditions, risks associated with vagaries of weather like floods and drought in Kharif and frost in Rabi, susceptibility to a number of pests and diseases, use of poor quality seeds by the farmers, lack of high yielding varieties suitable to the local agro-climatic regions and non-availability of hybrids in groundnut, soyabean etc.