

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SOWING AREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sowing area in the country has increased in the current year as compared to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the increased sowing area for wheat, pulses, oilseeds and paddy crops during the said period; and
- (c) the reasons for less sowing area in the previous year as compared to the current year?

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 coverage along with increase/decrease in the area under wheat, pulses, oilseeds and paddy in the country during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are given in the table below:

(Million Hectares)

Crop	Area Coverage 2008-09	Area Coverage 2009-10#	Increase(+)/Decrease (-) in area
Wheat	27.75	27.89	0.14
Pulses	22.09	23.16	1.07
Oilseeds	27.56	26.76	-0.80
Paddy	45.54	41.34	-4.20

#2nd Advance Estimates

(c): The area coverage under paddy and oilseeds during 2009-10 has been lower mainly on account of drought/deficient rainfall in various parts of the country during Kharif-2009.