

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5100  
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LOSS OF FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of loss of crop production in the country during the last three years due to salinity and water logging, Statewise;
- (b) whether the farmers have opted for non agriculture occupations in such areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government situation?

**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): As per the study conducted (2005) by National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning - Indian Council of Agricultural Research, salinity and waterlogging adversely affect the soil fertility, plant nutrition and productivity. However, no specific study has been conducted about the loss of foodgrain production due to problems of salinity and water logging across the country. As per available data, the food grain production has increased from 198.36 million tonnes in 2004-05 to 234.47 million tonnes in 2008-09.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Question does not arise.
- (d): The problem of salinity is caused mainly due to water logging and rise in sub surface water level due to seepage from canals etc. Accordingly, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India introduced the component of Reclamation of Water logged areas in irrigated commands under Command Area Development & Water Management Programme (CADWM) which is being implemented across the country.