

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AREA UNDER WHEAT CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area under wheat cultivation in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of per hectare yield of wheat in the country including Punjab and Haryana during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether per hectare yield of wheat in Punjab and Haryana is much higher than other States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to bring parity in yield of wheat?

Answer

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(a) & (b): State-wise details of area coverage under wheat and its productivity during the last three years, i.e., 2007-08 to 2009-10 is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The States of Punjab and Haryana have almost 99% area under irrigation. These States also come under North-Western Plains Zone where the crop duration is longer than other parts of the country, leading to more grain filling period resulting into higher productivity. Further, in the above States, the technological dissemination is faster than other States and most of the farmers adopt high yielding varieties and advanced technologies which are supported by timely availability of inputs.

(e): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has taken initiatives in the form of research advancement for development of new varieties of wheat. For all the wheat growing areas, the advanced varieties have been released and put under seed chain to ensure supply of quality seeds to the farmers. ICAR has also taken initiatives to sensitize the State Governments for faster technological dissemination & availability of quality seeds of newer varieties and other inputs to the farmers in the country.