

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVABLE AREA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the area under cultivation has decreased over the years in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of crops in respect of which the cultivable area has decreased; and
- (c) the reasons for such decrease alongwith the steps taken to bring more areas under cultivation?

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): The area under cultivation in Food grains, Pulses, Sugarcane & Oilseeds during last four years are as under:

Area in 000 hectares				
Year	Food grains	Pulses	Sugarcane	Oilseeds
2006-07	123708.0	23191.7	5150.8	26512.7
2007-08	124067.5	23633.0	5055.2	26692.6
2008-09	122832.4	22093.1	4415.4	27557.9
2009-10	121365.5	23354.3	4202.0	26107.8

Note: 2009-10 figures are provisional (4th Advance)

(c): There are several factors that determine the cultivated area under various crops, such as farmers' preference, demand for the commodity, alternate economic opportunity etc. Government has adopted various measures to increase area under cultivation. Some of the measures adopted are adequate availability of seeds, ensuring availability of fertilisers; enhanced credit availability; allocation of additional power, fast track release of funds under various schemes namely National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) etc.