

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3887
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SOWING OF KHARIF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sowing of Kharif crops has improved substantially following improved monsoon across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether coverage for sowing of Kharif crops is likely to be higher than the last two years;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. As on 6-8-2010, the total Kharif crop coverage is 826.21 lakh ha which is 44.4 lakh ha and 63.85 lakh ha more than the crop coverage in corresponding period during 2008 (781.82 ha) and 2009 (762.36 ha) respectively.