

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on agricultural lands keeping in view their fluctuating index of farm productivity;
- (b) if so, the areas of land where the percentage of productivity has registered an increase or decrease;
- (c) the reasons for decrease in productivity, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken corrective measures to check the decline in productivity of farm lands; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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): No, Madam. However, State Governments conduct crop cutting experiments to estimate productivity of crops grown in different States. The index of productivity of various crops for the years 2003-04 to 2008-09, with the Triennium Ending 1981-82 = 100 as the base is given in the Annexure.
- (c): The productivity of different crops depends on the soil fertility, use of fertilizers, rainfall pattern, weather conditions, quality/variety of seeds etc. As such, fluctuating trends in the productivity have been observed in the crops grown in the different areas/States depending upon the existence of the above factors.
- (d) & (e): Government have taken several steps to increase production and productivity of crops in the country and programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro-Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) etc. are under implementation.