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KHARIF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the area under Kharif crops during the current year as compared to the previous year;
- (b) the area under kharif crops during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the reasons for decline in the area under Kharif crops?

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): Details of area coverage under Kharif crops during the last three years and the current year, i.e., 2007-08 to 2010-11 are as under:

(Million Hectares)
Area Coverage (Kharif Season)

| Crop | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rice | 39.45 | 40.79 | 37.49 | 36.95 |
| Jowar | 3.50 | 2.89 | 3.21 | 3.01 |
| Bajra | 9.57 | 8.75 | 8.92 | 8.68 |
| Maize | 7.12 | 6.89 | 7.05 | 7.18 |
| Coarse Cereals | 22.62 | 20.83 | 21.29 | 20.94 |
| Tur | 3.73 | 3.38 | 3.53 | 4.09 |
| Pulses | 11.49 | 9.81 | 10.55 | 11.16 |
| Foodgrains | 73.56 | 71.43 | 69.33 | 69.05 |
| Groundnut | 5.31 | 5.29 | 4.53 | 4.93 |
| Castorseed | 0.79 | 0.87 | 0.81 | 0.81 |
| Nigerseed | 0.41 | 0.39 | 0.37 | 0.38 |
| Sesamum | 1.80 | 1.81 | 2.04 | 1.65 |
| Sunflower | 0.76 | 0.66 | 0.56 | 0.31 |
| Soyabean | 8.88 | 9.51 | 9.79 | 9.21 |
| Nine Oilseeds | 17.95 | 18.53 | 18.10 | 17.28 |
| Sugarcane | 5.06 | 4.42 | 4.20 | 4.86 |
| Cotton | 9.41 | 9.41 | 10.31 | 11.00 |
| Jute | 0.81 | 0.79 | 0.82 | 0.80 |
| Mesta | 0.15 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.10 |

4th advance estimates

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(c): During 2009-10, the area coverage under kharif crops, particularly rice declined due to drought/deficient monsoon in various parts of the country. During the current year i.e. 2010-11 also, the area coverage under kharif crops, particularly rice and oilseeds has been lower due to drought/deficient monsoon in major crop growing States viz. Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and East Uttar Pradesh.