

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:387
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2010
RABI CROPS ESTIMATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the estimates for the current rabi crops 2010-11 have been firmed up;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any contingent plan in the event of drop in production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 387 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2010.

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Agriculture prepares Contingency Crop Plan suitable for different Agro-climatic regions of the country only for the Kharif season. The Contingency Plan helps State Governments in initiating timely interventions to deal with different scenarios of monsoon i.e. deficient rainfall, normal rainfall and excess rainfall conditions.

No special Contingency Plan is prepared for the Rabi season. However, supply of inputs i.e. seed, fertilizer and other critical inputs is discussed/reviewed in the Zonal Conferences every year before commencement of Rabi season and monitored regularly through Video conferences, Crop Weather Watch Group Meetings, State visits etc.

The rainfall during September/October, 2010 have helped in enhancing the soil moisture and conditions are favourable for better production prospects of Rabi Crops during 2010-11.