

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CROP ESTIMATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second advance crop estimates for sugarcane is considered comparatively more accurate than the first advance estimates released in September, 2010; and

(b) 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): Yes, Madam. The 1st advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops including sugarcane normally released in the month of September-October each year are based upon the quick estimates of area coverage under kharif crops and the assessment of yield on the basis of normal/average yield alongwith the crop and weather condition, management of inputs such as seeds, fertilizers etc. On the other hand, the 2nd advance estimates are based upon the kharif area estimates generated through Timely Reporting Scheme (TRS) and yield estimates arrived on the basis of available Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs), which are considered to be more scientific and reliable. Further, while 1st advance estimates cover only kharif crops, the 2nd advance estimates cover kharif as well as rabi crops.