

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN SOWING CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the sowing of wheat, pulses, rice and coarse grains in various parts of the country during the current year as compared to the last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of the aforesaid crops?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Comparative details of area sown under wheat, pulses, rice and coarse grains during 2010-11 vis-a-vis 2009-10 are given below:-

(Lakh hectares)

Crop Area sown

2009-10 2010-11#

Wheat	284.57	282.52
Pulses	232.82	255.09
Rice	419.18	422.13
Coarse Grains	276.75	270.68

#As per 2nd Advance Estimates released on 09.02.2011

Area coverage under pulses and rice during the current year has been higher while the coverage under wheat and coarse grains has been marginally lower as compared to last year.

(c): In order to enhance production and productivity of various crops in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes such as National Food Security Mission, Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme. Under NFSM, it is targeted to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes respectively by the end of XI Plan i.e. 2011-12 through area expansion and productivity enhancement in the identified districts of the country. Apart from these schemes, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), an umbrella programme is focusing on increase in public investment for achieving 4% growth rate in agriculture & allied sector in the 11th Plan. Further, for productivity enhancement, the Government has also taken a number of steps to develop improved varieties of crops through research initiatives by various institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).