

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SOWING OF RABI CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent to which sowing of rabi crops in North India has suffered due to severe weather conditions in the region during this winter (2010-11), State-wise;
- (b) whether any financial assistance has been given to the farmers to speed up sowing operations so as to make up for the loss of time for sowing; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State wise, as against the demand of the concerned State/UT Administrations for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): During rabi 2010-11, particularly in the month of November and December 2010 when major sowing of rabi crops takes place, the weather conditions in the country remained conducive. As per 2nd Advance Estimates released on 9th February, 2011, area under rabi foodgrains during 2010-11 has been almost at the same level as in Rabi 2009-10. Further, area under oilseeds during rabi 2010-11 is estimated to be significantly higher as compared to rabi 2009-10.

In order to increase the area coverage and production of agricultural crops in the country, Government is implementing a number of schemes such as National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Macro Management Mode of Agriculture etc. Government of India releases funds to State Governments to implement these programmes and provide requisite assistance to the farmers. However, no special assistance to States was envisaged during rabi 2010-11 to speed up sowing operations in various parts of the country.