

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SOWN AREA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a fluctuation in the sown area for different crops in the country;
- (b) if so, the comparative details of the sown area for different crops including rabi and kharif crops during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to remedy the situation in the coming year?

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. State-wise and season-wise estimates of area sown under major crops during 2007-08 to 2010-11 are given in the Annexure.

(c): In order to enhance area, 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 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 in agriculture & allied sector in the 11th Plan.

In addition to above schemes, during 2010-11, two new programmes for bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and Integrated Development of 60000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas have been initiated under RKVY. The National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM and inclusion of two new potential States namely; Assam and Jharkhand for pulses production. A new programme "Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P)" in the form of block demonstrations has also been started in 16 pulse growing States of the country. Further, during 2010-11, a new sub-scheme has been introduced under RKVY as a special initiative for pulses and oilseeds for Organizing 60,000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas.