

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:316
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SUGARCANE CULTIVATORS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that the sugarcane cultivators have shifted to cultivation of other crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. No such reports received from the States. However, due to good cane price payments, area under sugarcane crop in the major States has increased from 41.75 lakh ha in 2009-10 to 49.44 lakh ha in 2010-11 (4th Advance Estimates). During 2011-12, an area of about 52.00 lakh ha have been covered under sugarcane so far.