

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SOWING OF COARSE CEREALS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sowing of coarse cereals has declined 6 per cent to 5.5 million hectares in the last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase the sowing of coarse cereals in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): No, Madam. The total area under coarse cereals was 28.43 million hectares in the last year 2010-11 as against 27.67 million hectares, in the year 2009-10, indicating 0.76 million hectares more area coverage (Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics).

(b) & (c): In order to increasing area, production and yield of Coarse Cereals, the Government of India has initiated a scheme on 'Initiatives for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP)' aims to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies in an integrated manner with visible impact to catalyze production of Coarse Cereals (Millets) in the Country.