

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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AREA UNDER CULTIVATION OF RABI CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of area under cultivation of rabi crops including paddy and wheat in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, crop and State-wise;
- (b) whether acreage of these crops has declined in the country during the above period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to increase the area and production of rabi crops in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): State-wise details of area coverage under major rabi crops including paddy and wheat during each of the last three years and the current year i.e. 2009-10 to 2012-13 are given in the Annexure.

It may be observed that except for rabi paddy and coarse cereals, the area coverage under other crops during rabi 2012-13 has been higher as compared to their area coverage during 2009-10. Area under rabi paddy and coarse cereals during 2012-13 has declined mainly due to shift of area to other rabi crops viz. wheat, pulses and oilseeds.

(d): To increase the area coverage and production of agricultural crops including rabi crops in the country, Government of India is implementing various crop development schemes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM), etc. In addition, a new programme "Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P)" has been started under NFSM since 2010-11 to take up active propagation of key technologies in the form of block demonstrations for improving productivity of pulses. Further, a Special Plan to achieve more than 19 million tones of pulse production during 2012-13 has also been initiated.

Under the above schemes, funds are provided to States for implementation of State specific agricultural strategies including incentives to farmers for production/use of quality seeds, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), farm mechanization etc. The States are also provided support for creation of agricultural infrastructure for optimal use of water and other natural resources.

In order to increase productivity of crops, Government has taken several measures to promote use of advanced methods and modern technology including development of high yielding, pest/ disease tolerant crop varieties/hybrids with tolerance to common abiotic stresses such as fluctuations in temperature, soil/water salinity, soil acidity, etc. Early maturing crop varieties with higher nutrient and water use efficiency have also been developed. Further, Government is promoting adoption of resource conservation technologies for climate resilient agriculture and innovative extension approaches to ensure access to modern technologies including mechanization to small and marginal farmers.