

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPIUM PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the increase in the area under cultivation as well as production of opium in the country in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of area earmarked, capacity and actuals with regard to production of opium in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any scheme is being formulated/envisaged by the Government to decrease the area under opium cultivation and its production thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) State-wise area Licensed for cultivation (in hectares) of opium in the crop years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is as under:

	Rajasthan	MP	UP	Total
2012-13	2641	3192	25	5859
2011-12	10215	13271	105	23591
2010-11	11069	13207	265	24541
2009-10	10108	13009	308	23425

State-wise area of opium cultivation Harvested (in hectares) in the crop years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is as under:

	Rajasthan	MP	UP	Total
2012-13	Details will be known after harvesting completed			
2011-12	5542	6522	28	12092
2010-11	7999	8414	105	16518
2009-10	5554	6647	36	12237

State-wise Opium production (MT) at 70% consistence in the crop years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is as under:

	Rajasthan	MP	UP	Total
2012-13	Details will be known after harvesting completed			
2011-12	359	415	1	775
2010-11	483	528	3	1014
2009-10	349	411	1	761

(c) No such scheme is being formulated by the Government to reduce the farming areas and production of opium. The area to be brought under opium cultivation is dependent upon the demand of opium for medical and scientific reasons in domestic and international market.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.