

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5530

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UNCULTIVATED LAND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received information regarding farmers leaving their fields uncultivated in various parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture has not received information about farmers leaving their fields uncultivated in various parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh. About 101.1 million hectare was sown under various crops in Kharif (2012), against an average area of 105.7 million hectare across the country due to drought in certain parts of country. However, during Rabi (2013), area covered under various crops is about 63.9 million hectare against target of 63.0 million hectare across the country. In case of Madhya Pradesh, there has been no shortfall in crop area coverage during Kharif and Rabi (2012-13), rather in both Kharif (2012) & Rabi (2013), crop coverage has been higher by about 1.0 million & 1.6 million hectare respectively under various crops.

(b) & (c): Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture is closely monitoring crop sowing situation in consultation with State Governments and providing assistance for various agricultural activities including inputs required for sustaining agricultural production under all major programmes namely, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc.