

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NET SOWN AREA IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of net irrigated and sown area in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been any increase in the irrigated and sown area in the country including Orissa during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the sown areas in the country including Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): A statement on State-wise net irrigated and sown area for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 is given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

There has been increase in net irrigated area in the country. Net area Sown has increased in 2005-06, but has decreased in 2006-07 in the country.

(d): The Union Government has set up a National Rainfed Area Authority as an advisory, policy making and monitoring body to provide knowledge inputs regarding systematic up-gradation and management of country's dryland and rainfed agriculture. Programmes like National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded lands in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone River, Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas, Reclamation and Development of Alkali & Acid Soils and other externally aided projects are being implemented for development of rainfed and degraded land including arid and barren land through soil and water moisture conservation measures.