

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SOWING AREA

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of area under cultivation of wheat, rice, coarse grains, including vegetables and fruits in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been an increase in the sown area of Kharif and Rabi crops;
- (c) if so, the details of increase in respect of Kharif and Rabi crops separately during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether agricultural production has also increased in proportion to the increase in sown area during the said period;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) whether farmers in some States have shown interest in production of other crops instead of rice; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a): The State-wise details of estimated area coverage under wheat, rice, coarse cereals, vegetables and fruits in the country for the period 2006-07 to 2009-10 are given in Annexure-I

(b) to (e): The State-wise production and area under Kharif and Rabi Crops during the last three years have followed a fluctuating trend. The State-wise details of increase/ decrease in area and production of Kharif and Rabi Crops during the last three years are given in Annexure-II.

(f) & (g): In some States like the Punjab and Haryana in the North Western part of the country where the ground water depletion is very high due to over exploitation for irrigation, these State Governments have passed legislation not to allow sowing/transplanting of rice crop before 10th of June every year. The farmers of these States are showing interest in cultivating pulses crop during summer season after harvesting of wheat. The Government of India has been providing assistance under National Food Security Mission (Pulse) to these States for promotion of summer pulses.