

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SOWING OF CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of major crops of Rabi and Kharif and the area under cultivation during the current year, State and crop-wise;
- (b) whether the sown area, coverage of said crops has declined during the said period and if so, the details thereof, cropwise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has advised the States to focus on Rabi crops so as to overcome the possible shortfall in kharif crops and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the problem of agriculture sector arising on account of deficit/weak monsoon in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): State-wise details of area coverage and production of major kharif crops during the last year vis-à-vis current year i.e. 2014-15 are given in the Annexure. The decline in area coverage of kharif crops during the current year has been mainly on account of delayed/ deficient monsoon rainfall in many parts of the country. Official estimates of area and production of rabi crops for the current year have not been prepared so far.

(c) & (d): In order to address the problems faced by agriculture sector on account of delayed/deficient monsoon rainfall in many parts of the country, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has released advisories for 'Compensatory Production Plan for Rabi 2014' to build the resilience of farmers through adoption of appropriate interventions in the rabi crops to compensate the expected dip in production of rainfed crops during kharif season. Suggested measures for enhancing productivity of rabi crops include adoption of appropriate crops & varieties and crop/water/nutrient management practices/technologies.

The 'Compensatory Production Plan for Rabi 2014' has been made available on the websites of ICAR and Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA).

For increasing crop productivity, profitability and benefiting farming community in the country, the ICAR has also developed, during the last five years (2009-2013), a number of high yielding crop varieties/hybrids that have fair degree of tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses and cost effective crop production & protection technologies. These technologies are being promoted through various schemes of the Government. The ICAR also imparts training and organizes front line demonstrations to educate farmers on relevant technologies.