

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2401**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2018

**AREA UNDER CULTIVATION OF CROPS**

2401. SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether area under cultivation of crops such as rice, pulses and oilseeds has declined due to severe floods or drought in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is also true that more than 4 million hectares of agricultural land have fallen victims to the vagaries of nature this monsoon across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to overcome the expected foodgrain shortage in the country and to compensate the farmers to overcome from the loss; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The area coverage under field crops like rice, pulses and oilseeds fluctuates from season to season and this is attributed to various reasons, which include monsoon rains, preference of farmers to crops, soil moisture availability, prices of commodities and natural calamities, like drought and floods. The State-wise details of total area coverage under various crops during Kharif 2017-18 (as per 1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates) and Kharif 2016-17 (as per 4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimates), including rice, pulses and oilseeds, are given at Annexure.

(d) & (e): As against the likely foodgrains production of 275.68 million tonnes, as per 4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimates for 2016-17 (138.52 million tonnes for Kharif + 137.16 million tonnes for Rabi), the likely foodgrains production during Kharif 2017-18 is 134.67 million tonnes. The anticipated reduction in foodgrains production during Kharif 2017-18 is due to various factors, including natural calamities like drought and floods. While compensation for damage to crops is considered from Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), items and norms for relief assistance from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)/National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in the wake of natural calamities, including drought and floods, inter-alia, include assistance towards input subsidy for crop loss of 33% and above for all categories of farmers (which was earlier admissible for crop loss of 50% and above). The scale of assistance towards input subsidy for crop loss has been enhanced by about 50%, which is now Rs.6800/- per hectare (ha.) for rainfed areas, Rs.13500/- per ha. for areas with assured irrigation and Rs.18000/- per ha. for all types of perennial crops.

**ANNEXURE**

Annexure referred to in parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred  
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{Area in lakh hectares (ha.)}

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Kharif 2017-18 (1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates)</b>	<b>Kharif 2016-17 (4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimates)</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.73	38.04
2.	Assam	22.92	22.23
3.	Bihar	38.86	39.04
4.	Chhattisgarh	46.13	44.95
5.	Gujarat	70.83	74.62
6.	Haryana	26.57	26.54
7.	Jharkhand	22.28	23.69
8.	Karnataka	63.44	68.84
9.	Madhya Pradesh	127.70	131.01
10.	Maharashtra	148.15	152.47
11.	Odisha	46.61	45.15
12.	Punjab	35.69	32.67
13.	Rajasthan	118.28	118.65
14.	Tamil Nadu	26.26	25.77
15.	Telangana	36.39	39.75
16.	Uttar Pradesh	109.54	111.18
17.	West Bengal	50.13	47.88
18.	Others	28.64	30.15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1054.14</b>	<b>1072.69</b>

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