

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1922
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/03/2023

INCREASE IN WHEAT SOWING AREA

1922. SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the total wheat sowing area in the country has increased to 34.1 million hectares in the current year as compared to the five years' average of 30.4 million hectares and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the production of wheat in this year is likely to increase in comparison to the previous years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to lift the ban on wheat export imposed in May last year due to fear of food shortage due to Ukraine war and inflation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) As per 2nd Advance Estimates, 2022-23, the total Wheat sowing area in the country is estimated to be 31.87 million hectares which is higher by 1.49 million hectares as compared to last five years (2017-18 to 2021-22) average area. The details of State-wise Wheat sowing area during 2022-23 (2nd Advance Estimates) and average sowing area of last five years (2017-18 to 2021-22) is given at **Annexure**.
- (b) As per Second Advance Estimates for the agriculture year 2022-23, the Wheat production in the country is estimated at 112.18 million tonnes which is higher by 4.44 million tonnes than the production achieved during 2021-22.
- (c) At present, there is no proposal for lifting restriction on export of wheat before the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW).

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q No. 1922 Due for reply on 17.03.2023

Wheat Sowing Area

(in Million Hectares)

State/ UT	Average (2017-18 to 2021-22)	2022-23*
Bihar	2.17	2.20
Gujarat	0.99	1.31
Haryana	2.48	2.36
Madhya Pradesh	5.99	7.15
Maharashtra	1.03	1.07
Punjab	3.52	3.51
Rajasthan	2.88	2.96
Uttar Pradesh	9.68	9.59
Others	1.63	1.71
All India	30.38	31.87

* As per 2nd Advance Estimates
