

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 2254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2025
TOTAL AREA UNDER KHARIF CROPS

2254. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has released progress of total area covered under kharif crops recently and if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;
- (b) the details of year-on-year percentage increase/decrease in total area sown under kharif crops and percentage gain/loss in crop production, crop-wise;
- (c) whether farmers have to suffer crop loss due to 40 percent deficit rainfall in some parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps/measures taken/being taken to support farmers of these affected regions and mitigate their potential crop losses; and
- (e) the details of other measures taken/being taken to increase the production of kharif crops in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The sowing operations for Kharif 2025-26 are still underway, and the first advance estimates for all major Kharif crops in the 2025-26 agricultural year (July–June) have not yet been released. The details of year-on-year percentage increase/decrease in the total area sown under kharif crops and percentage gain/loss in crop production, crop-wise; for the last three years is provided in the **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): The Government takes several steps/measures to support farmers of the region affected by deficit/access rainfall and mitigate their potential crop losses which include:

The Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) which was launched in 2016 in order to provide a simple and affordable crop insurance product to ensure comprehensive risk cover for crops to farmers against all non-preventable natural risks from pre-sowing to post-harvest and to provide adequate claim amount. The scheme is demand driven and available for all farmers.

Further, the primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments. The State Governments provide financial relief to the affected people in the wake of notified disasters, including drought, from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), already placed at their disposal. However, in the event of disaster of a severe nature, additional financial assistance is extended from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per the laid down procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT). The financial assistance provided under SDRF and NDRF is by way of relief and not for compensation.

No memorandum has been submitted by State Government seeking financial assistance from NDRF for drought during the current year, so far.

(e): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) in all the 28 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs) viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with the objective to increase foodgrain production through area expansion and productivity enhancement. Under NFSNM, the incentives are provided to the farmers, through the States/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, integrated nutrient and pest management techniques, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season etc.

Annexure

**Annexure referred in reply to Part (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2254
due for reply on 08.08.2025**

**Year-On Year Percentage Increase/Decrease in Total Area of Major Agricultural Crops in
Kharif Season**

Source : DA&FW

Crop	Area (Lakh Hectares)				Area Year on Year %age Change		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Rice	410.38	404.03	407.34	434.13	-1.55	0.82	6.58
Maize	77.85	80.53	83.29	84.30	3.44	3.43	1.21
Tur	49.00	40.68	41.31	43.28	-16.98	1.55	4.77
Urad	36.25	30.98	26.81	21.01	-14.54	-13.46	-21.63
Moong	38.43	34.86	31.74	33.91	-9.29	-8.95	6.84
Groundnut	49.13	42.63	40.44	49.95	-13.23	-5.14	23.52
Soybean	121.47	130.84	132.55	129.57	7.71	1.31	-2.25
Sugarcane	51.75	58.85	57.40	53.58	13.72	-2.46	-6.66
Cotton	123.72	129.27	126.88	112.30	4.49	-1.85	-11.49

Note: Data for the year 2024-25 is of 3rd Advance Estimates

**Year-On Year Percentage Increase/Decrease in Total Production of Major Agricultural
Crops in Kharif Season**

Source : DA&FW

Crop	Production (Lakh Tonnes)				Production Year on Year %age Change		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Rice	1110.01	1105.12	1132.59	1218.54	-0.44	2.49	7.59
Maize	226.81	236.74	222.45	248.43	4.38	-6.04	11.68
Tur	42.20	33.12	34.17	35.61	-21.52	3.17	4.21
Urad	18.65	17.68	16.04	13.02	-5.20	-9.28	-18.83
Moong	14.80	17.18	11.54	17.47	16.08	-32.83	51.39
Groundnut	84.34	85.62	86.60	103.68	1.52	1.14	19.72
Soybean	129.87	149.85	130.62	151.80	15.38	-12.83	16.21
Sugarcane	4394.25	4905.33	4531.58	4501.16	11.63	-7.62	-0.67
Cotton	311.18	336.60	325.22	306.92	8.17	-3.38	-5.63

Note: 1) Data for the year 2024-25 is of 3rd Advance Estimates

2) Cotton Production in Bales, 1Bale=170 Kg
