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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.628
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2017

SOWING OF CROPS

628. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite rain, lack of water in reservoirs is affecting sowing of crops in Andhra Pradesh and other States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons for such a situation; and
- (c) the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

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): The sowing of rabi crops fluctuates due to various reasons like, available soil moisture, time of harvesting of kharif crops, farmers preference to a particular crops and availability of irrigation water etc. The area coverage under rabi crops in the country including Andhra Pradesh as on 15/12/2017 vis-à-vis rabi 2016-17 is as under;

(Area in lakh ha)

State	Area sown as on 15/12/2017	2016-17	% change (+/-)
Andhra Pradesh	10.83	6.62	63.00
All India	514.22	509.12	1.00

(b) & (c): The State –wise sowing of rabi crops as on 15/12/2017 vis-à-vis rabi 2016-17 is at Annexure.

The sowing of rabi crops is continue in various States.

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Sl.No.	States	Area Sown as on 15.12.2017 (Area in lakh ha)	
		2017-18 (Current Year)	2016-17 (Last Year)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10.83	6.62
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.16	0.39
3	Assam	3.67	3.53
4	Bihar	25.45	25.13
5	Chhattisgarh	7.74	7.40
6	Gujarat	14.68	11.38
7	Haryana	29.60	30.47
8	Himachal Pradesh	3.14	3.22
9	Jharkhand	5.85	2.43
10	J&K	1.28	1.57
11	Karnataka	30.49	22.76
12	Kerala	0.58	0.53
13	Madhya Pradesh	91.81	87.77
14	Maharashtra	39.35	46.69
15	Odisha	5.55	7.06
16	Punjab	34.45	34.77
17	Rajasthan	64.64	73.70
18	Tamil Nadu	17.33	14.18
19	Telangana	3.31	3.65
20	Uttar Pradesh	112.17	113.05
21	Uttarkhand	3.68	3.75
22	West Bengal	7.67	8.51
23	Total (22 major states)	513.44	508.57
	All - India	514.22	509.12
