

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2162
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST JULY, 2018

SOWN AREA

2162. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the total sown areas as on July this year stands at 333.76 lakh hectares as compared to 388.89 lakh hectares at the same time last year;
- (b) if so, the comparative details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the details of kharif crops which have seen less sowing in the country during the current monsoon season; and
- (d) whether the Government is making any action plan to deal with the shortage in production occurring due to less sowing and 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) & (b): As per latest reports received from State Governments the area coverage under kharif crops during the current season (as on 27.07.2018) has been 737.96 lakh hectares as compared to 797.69 lakh hectares of area coverage during the corresponding period of last year. The sowing of kharif crops picks up with the advancement of monsoon and adequate rainfall for the sowing of specific crops. The sowing period of kharif crops in the country is up to month of August. The State-wise comparative position of area coverage under kharif crops during the current year (as on 27.07.2018) vis-à-vis corresponding period of last year is given in the **Annexure**.

(c): Details of kharif crops where sowing progress as on 27.07.2018 is less as compared to last year are given in the table below:-

(In lakh ha.)

Crop	Area Coverage during Kharif season		Absolute Difference
	2018-19	2017-18	
Rice	197.63	225.60	-27.97
Pulses	103.35	113.24	-9.89
Coarse Cereals	136.23	148.33	-12.10
Oilseeds	140.74	142.39	-1.65
Cotton	102.51	111.38	-8.87
Jute & Mesta	6.98	7.04	-0.06

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(d): It is too early to assess the production of kharif crops for the current season. However, in order to mitigate the impact of weather related challenges, Indian Council for Agricultural Research Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (ICAR-CRIDA) has developed the District Agriculture Contingency Plan (DACP) for 623 districts containing suitable technology interventions and circulated to all State Agriculture Departments. The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare has also issued advisory to the States to implement contingency plan as per their local need.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2162 due for reply on 31.07.2018

Area Coverage under Kharif Crops during the current year i.e. 2018-19 (As on 27.07.2018) as compared to corresponding period of last year

S.No.	State	(in lakh ha.)		Absolute Change
		Area Coverage		
		This Year	Last Year	
1	Andhra Pradesh	16.01	14.38	1.63
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1.87	2.05	-0.18
3	Assam	9.26	12.12	-2.86
4	Bihar	16.69	30.83	-14.14
5	Chhattisgarh	33.46	34.81	-1.35
6	Goa	0.21	0.22	-0.01
7	Gujarat	47.30	61.65	-14.35
8	Haryana	25.57	25.26	0.31
9	Himachal Pradesh	3.91	3.86	0.05
10	Jammu & Kashmir	3.11	3.28	-0.16
11	Jharkhand	6.10	9.81	-3.72
12	Karnataka	40.97	40.12	0.85
13	Kerala	0.52	0.57	-0.05
14	Madhya Pradesh	112.49	105.15	7.34
15	Maharashtra	119.52	128.06	-8.53
16	Manipur	0.32	1.69	-1.37
17	Meghalaya	1.10	1.17	-0.08
18	Mizoram	0.35	0.20	0.15
19	Nagaland	1.91	2.01	-0.10
20	Odisha	22.11	27.40	-5.29
21	Punjab	34.67	34.80	-0.13
22	Rajasthan	98.98	108.14	-9.17
23	Sikkim	0.16	0.15	0.00
24	Tamil Nadu	7.46	6.00	1.46
25	Telangana	30.26	29.36	0.89
26	Tripura	11.51	12.97	-1.46
27	Uttar Pradesh	72.16	80.61	-8.45
28	Uttarakhand	4.39	4.35	0.04
29	West Bengal	13.00	14.07	-1.06
30	Others	2.59	2.59	0.00
	All-India	737.96	797.69	-59.73
