

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.396**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**SOWING IN THE LAST KHARIF SEASON**

396. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that sowing by farmers in the last Kharif season was far below the normal level and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made any study to find out the actual reasons despite substantial hike of Minimum Support Price; and
- (c) 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): As per the First Advance Estimates, the area coverage of major agricultural crops during kharif 2018-19 is estimated at 1052.38 lakh hectares which is broadly in line with the normal kharif area coverage of 1060.04 lakh hectares (average of 2012-13 to 2016-17).

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

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