

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2096**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

**WHEAT SOWING AREA**

2096 SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country's absolute increase in wheat sowing area has increased in the current year as compared to five year average and if so, the details thereof, state-wise;
- (b) whether the production of wheat for the current year is likely to climb as compared to previous years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to lift the ban on wheat exports implemented in May last year due to fears of food shortages and inflation amid the Ukraine war and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of revenue likely to be generated by the Government through export of wheat in the current fiscal year;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to control/ease out already higher flour prices prevailing in the market through this bumper production of wheat; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and step taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) & (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. The details of State-wise absolute increase/decrease in wheat sowing area in the current year i.e. 2022-23 (2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates) over the last five years (2017-18 to 2021-22) average is given at **Annexure**.

(c) At present, there is no proposal for lifting restriction on export of wheat before the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW).

(d) During the current fiscal year (upto January, 2023), Rs. 11728.36 crore worth of wheat has been exported.

(e) & (f) In order to address the rising price of Wheat and Atta and to moderate the same, FCI sells excess stocks of wheat from the Central Pool at pre-determined prices in the open market from time to time under Open Market Sale Scheme-Domestic {OMSS(D)}. So far 50 LMT (30+20 LMT) of wheat from FCI stock has been decided to be offloaded under OMSS(D), 2023 upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. Further, the Government reviewed OMSS(D) policy for the year 2023 and reduced the reserve price of wheat vide order dated 10.02.2023 and 17.02.2023.

**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q No. 2096 Due for reply on 14.03.2023

**Wheat Sowing Area**

(in '000 Hectares)

State/ UT	Average 2017-18 to 2021-22	2022-23*	Absolute Increase/Decrease
Assam	12.91	10.00	-2.91
Bihar	2173.88	2203.82	29.93
Chhattisgarh	126.51	146.40	19.89
Gujarat	986.23	1313.00	326.77
Haryana	2479.14	2364.14	-115.00
Himachal Pradesh	315.45	322.21	6.76
Jharkhand	211.98	164.13	-47.86
Karnataka	172.22	162.00	-10.22
Madhya Pradesh	5994.00	7150.00	1156.00
Maharashtra	1034.76	1071.20	36.44
Odisha	0.14	0.18	0.04
Punjab	3521.68	3506.00	-15.68
Rajasthan	2878.00	2964.70	86.70
Telangana	5.40	3.00	-2.40
Uttar Pradesh	9683.60	9590.00	-93.60
Uttarakhand	317.20	298.00	-19.20
West Bengal	166.25	250.00	83.75
Others	302.67	349.49	46.82
<b>All India</b>	<b>30382.01</b>	<b>31868.26</b>	<b>1486.24</b>

\* As per 2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates

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