

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3261**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2023

**ACREAGE UNDER WHEAT CROP**

3261. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the acreage under wheat crop has increased in the country including Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that farmers have registered themselves to buy wheat on the support price;

(c) whether the Government is also aware that the registration has decreased as compared to last year;

(d) if so, the details of reasons for decrease in registration for procurement despite the increase in wheat acreage by the Government; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to address it and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) As per Second Advance Estimates 2022-23, the details of area under wheat in the country and in the State of Madhya Pradesh (including Jabalpur) during the last three years (latest available) are as under:

(in lakh hectares)

Year	All India	Madhya Pradesh
2020-21	311.25	60.83
2021-22	304.59	65.00
2022-23	318.68	71.50

(b)to (e) State Governments agencies and Food Corporation of India(FCI) purchase wheat with prescribed Fair and Average Quality (FAQ) specifications at Minimum Support Price(MSP) for central pool to ensure that farmers get remunerative price for their produce and do not have to resort to distress sale. However, if producer/farmers gets better price in comparison to MSP, they are free to sell their produce in open market.

Procurement in a State depends on factors like production, marketable surplus, MSP, demand and supply situation, participation of private traders, etc. During Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2022-23, public procurement of wheat at MSP was done from 17.83 lakh farmers. Registration of farmers for RMS 2023-24 is done through State Government's procurement portal which is under progress in many States.

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