

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 502
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2024

DROP IN KHARIF CROP YIELDS

502. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

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

- (a) whether there will be a further slow down in farm sector growth in the second half which could weaken rural demand and accentuate food price pressures and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether with kharif crop yields dropping, foodgrain output is set-to hit a four year low and rabi crop sowing significantly lagging last year's levels by mid December, 2023 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the decline in the output of most crops by larger than the fall in their area sown, reflecting a contraction in yields and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (c) As per the estimates of Gross Domestic Product for the Second Quarter (July-September) of the FY 2023-2024 released by NSO, MoSPI, the details of GVA growth during April- June, 2023(Q1) and July- September, 2023(Q2) are as below:

Year/Quarters	Growth rate of GVA % (at 2011-12 prices)	
	Whole Economy	Agriculture & Allied Sector
Q1 (April-June)	7.8	3.5
Q2(July- September)	7.4	1.2

The area sown and yield of various crops has been fluctuating over the years and depends on various factors such as weather conditions, rainfall situation, irrigation facilities, inter-crop profitability, soil conditions and expectation of better remuneration from other competing crops etc. Further, the Second Advance Estimates covering both kharif and rabi crops is usually

released during February, hence it is too early to comment upon the rabi crop sowing. However, as per weekly report of Crop Weather Watch Group (CWWG) as on 02.02.2024 area coverage under rabi crops is 709.29 lakh hectares in comparison to 648.33 lakh hectares normal area. The area, production and yield of kharif crops from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is at **Annexure**.

Government of India is implementing a comprehensive range of central sector as well as centrally sponsored schemes and programmes, such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshana Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhaan Yojana (PM-KMY) for the welfare of farmers, to provide incentive and enhance production across the States. These schemes and programmes encompass entire spectrum of agriculture including credit, insurance, income support, infrastructure, crops including horticulture, seeds, mechanization, marketing, organic and natural farming, farmer collectives, irrigation, extension, procurement of crops from farmers at minimum support prices, etc. The ultimate aim of these initiatives is to secure the well-being of farmers by providing an incentive and facilitating an increase in overall agricultural production, including food grains, and enhancing productivity.

Each year the Government of India announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops. Further, the Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum return of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from year 2018-19 onwards.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q No. 502 Due for reply on 06.02.2024

All India: Crop-wise Area, Production & Yield (Kharif)

Crop	Area (Lakh Hectares)					Production (Lakh Tonnes)					Yield (Kg./ha.)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Pulses	135.35	134.30	141.19	120.95	118.54	79.21	86.18	82.35	76.21	71.18	585	642	583	630	600
Foodgrains	708.62	724.42	728.96	706.96	704.19	1438.14	1505.76	1553.64	1557.11	1485.67	2029	2079	2131	2203	2110
Oilseeds	192.84	209.33	197.53	197.15	188.85	222.47	237.23	239.72	261.50	215.33	1154	1133	1214	1326	1140

Data for the year 2023-24 is of 1st Advance Estimates
