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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1104TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2022

PADDY CULTIVATION

1104. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

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

- (a) the details of the cultivated paddy in kharif and rabi seasons since 2014 to till date;
- (b) whether the Government has refused to purchase the stocks from the States in the season, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of sowing of paddy cropped area and reports of the Union and State Agriculture Departments in this regard since 2014 to till date compared to other cultivated items by farmers and the advise given by Union to States well in advance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The area under paddy in kharif and rabi season from 2014-15 to till date is as under;

(Area in lakh ha)

Season	Year										
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*	2021-22**			
Kharif	398.29	396.56	398.46	393.49	399.64	390.13	400.06	411.46			
Rabi	42.82	38.43	41.48	44.25	41.92	46.49	50.60	-			
Total	441.11	434.99	439.93	437.74	441.56	436.62	450.67	411.46			

^{*} As per 4th Advance Estimate 2020-21, **As per 1st Advance estimates 2021-22 (Kharif only)

- (b) :The Government has not refused to purchase the stocks from the states in the season. There exists a transparent and uniform policy for procurement by government agencies across the country.
- (c): The Government of India organizes National conferences on Agriculture for kharif, rabi and summer campaigns every year with all states and stakeholders to discuss strategy for growing crops during ensuing crop season. The area under foodgrains, oilseeds, sugarcane, cotton, jute &mesta from 2014-15 to 2020-21 is as under;

Crop	Area (Lakh Hectares)									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*			
Rice	441.11	434.99	439.93	437.74	441.56	436.62	450.67			
Foodgrains (excluding rice)	801.90	797.19	852.38	837.50	806.21	833.33	842.76			
Oilseeds	255.96	260.87	261.77	245.08	247.94	271.39	287.88			
Cotton	128.19	122.92	108.26	125.86	126.14	134.77	130.07			
Jute & Mesta	8.10	7.82	7.63	7.42	7.05	6.73	6.63			
Sugarcane	50.67	49.27	44.36	47.37	50.61	46.03	48.57			
* As per 4th Advar	ce Estimate	e 2020-21.								
