

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 344
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH JULY, 2022

DELAY IN KHARIF SOWING

344. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Kharif sowing has been delayed this year and if so, the reasons for the delay;
- (b) the details about the Kharif sowing that has been completed so far;
- (c) whether it is true that farmers are moving away from pulses and foodgrains to cotton etc.; and
- (d) if so, the impact of such move on food security in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d) As per the reports available from the states, sowing has commenced on time in major parts of the country. Area sown under Kharif crops reported as on 15.07.2022 is 592.11 lakh hectares compared to last year corresponding period 591.30 lakh hectares.

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is focusing to increase the production and productivity of diversified crops of cereals, pulses, oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane, jute & mesta, horticulture crops etc., under the various schemes viz, (National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) etc.
