

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2093

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09/08/2024

AREA UNDER MILLET FARMING

2093. SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of land under millet farming, the details thereof State-wise;
- (b) whether the area under millet cultivation increased due to the Government's promotion of millet in the last three years, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to incentivize small farmers to grow crops with more value addition to help them get better remuneration?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): As per the 3rd Advance Estimates 2023-24 released on 4th June 2024 by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, more than 10 percent of area is under millet farming against the total area under food grains during the agriculture year 2023-24 in the country. The area under millet cultivation has been increased from 12,288.98 thousand hectares in agriculture year 2021-22 to 13,085.61 thousand hectares in agriculture year 2023-24. The state wise details for the last three years are given at Annexure.

(c): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) with the objective of increasing food grains production through area expansion and productivity enhancement in all the 28 States and 2 Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) of the country. Under NFSM, assistance is given through State governments to farmers including small and marginal farmers for interventions like cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstrations on cropping system, distribution of seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/ hybrids, improved farm machineries/ resource conservation machineries/ tools, efficient water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/ soil ameliorants, processing & post-harvest equipments, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc. The Mission also provides support to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & State

Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/ KrishiVigyan Kendras (KVKs) for technology back stopping and transfer of technology to the farmer under supervision of Subject Matter Specialists/ Scientists.

The Government through its Price Policy ensure the remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encouraging higher investment and production and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices. In this direction, Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for twenty-two (22) mandated crops including Millets by offering a higher MSP for these crops. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at levels of one and half (1.5) times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government is declaring MSPs for all mandated crops including millets with a return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from the agricultural year 2018-19. Moreover, to create awareness among farmers and public about the cultivation practices and health benefits of millets, Government of India had announced the year 2018 as “The National Year of Millets” and UNO declared the Year 2023 as “International Year of Millets”.

The Government has also adopted and implemented several policies, reforms, developmental programmes to increase the production of crops as well as income of the farmers in the country. Some of the important programmes are listed as follows:

1. Income support to farmers through PM KISAN
2. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
3. Institutional credit for agriculture sector
4. Promotion of organic farming in the country
5. Per Drop More Crop
6. Micro Irrigation Fund
7. Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)
8. Agricultural Mechanization
9. Providing Soil Health Cards to farmers
10. Setting up of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) extension Platform
11. Agri. Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
12. Improvement in farm produce logistics, Introduction of Kisan Rail.
13. Creation of a Start-up Eco system in agriculture and allied sector
14. Achievement in Export of Agri. and Allied Agri- Commodities
15. Central sector Scheme Namo Drone Didi

Annexure in reference to Reply to part (a& b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2093 due for reply on 09.08.2024 regarding
“Area under millet farming”

State –wise Area under Food Grains and Area under Millets cultivation from 2021-22 to 2023- 24 (Area in Thousand Hectors)

States/UTs	2021-22			2022-23			2023-24		
	Total Area Under Food Grains	Area under Millets	Percentage of Area under Millets against Area Under Food Grains	Total Area under Food Grains	Area under Millets	Percentage of Area under Millets against Area Under Food Grains	Total Area under Food Grains	Area under Millets	Percentage Area under Millets against Area Under Food Grains
Andhra Pradesh	4010.00	152.00	3.79	3680.00	133.00	3.61	3328.00	166.00	4.99
Arunachal Pradesh	235.40	27.12	11.52	237.07	27.46	11.58	#	#	-
Assam	2554.52	4.82	0.19	2529.00	6.00	0.24	2579.00	5.00	0.19
Bihar	6443.77	8.48	0.13	6258.71	7.16	0.11	6518.18	7.28	0.11
Chhattisgarh	4760.92	56.88	1.19	4698.14	47.52	1.01	4727.87	62.07	1.31
Goa	36.15	NR	-	35.12	NR	-	#	NR	-
Gujarat	4595.04	510.48	11.11	4276.52	551.56	12.90	4327.75	583.42	13.48
Haryana	4225.77	506.49	11.99	4522.34	553.09	12.23	4589.91	546.96	11.92
Himachal Pradesh	710.94	3.38	0.48	691.67	3.27	0.47	691.76	3.00	0.43
Jharkhand	2833.24	20.73	0.73	2044.77	17.44	0.85	2238.77	34.97	1.56
Karnataka	7980.30	1638.00	20.53	7739.00	1527.00	19.73	7375.00	1715.00	23.25
Kerala	197.65	0.40	0.20	193.52	0.17	0.09	256.34	1.48	0.58
Madhya Pradesh	15925.10	555.00	3.49	18262.80	605.00	3.31	17712.93	620.00	3.50
Maharashtra	11584.61	2456.90	21.21	11310.70	2034.50	17.99	10727.83	2286.02	21.31
Manipur	258.08	NR	-	246.39	NR	-	#	NR	-
Meghalaya	138.45	2.92	2.11	139.09	3.07	2.21	#	#	-
Mizoram	45.59	NR	-	49.31	NR	-	#	NR	-
Nagaland	197.82	8.67	4.38	302.33	12.52	4.14	#	#	-
Odisha	5022.17	101.05	2.01	5106.27	93.05	1.82	5117.97	114.91	2.25
Punjab	6668.00	1.20	0.02	6764.09	0.60	0.01	6819.20	0.70	0.01
Rajasthan	14748.14	4362.79	29.58	15026.27	5212.45	34.69	14440.65	4769.16	33.03

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Sikkim	54.32	2.04	3.76	51.56	0.29	0.56	#	#	-
Tamil Nadu	3974.07	554.61	13.96	3866.46	489.74	12.67	3819.87	524.10	13.72
Telangana	4742.00	74.00	1.56	5696.08	73.00	1.28	5581.73	111.00	1.99
Tripura	300.82	1.64	0.55	278.41	1.05	0.38	#	#	-
Uttar Pradesh	19547.00	1083.00	5.54	20412.10	1155.00	5.66	20242.97	1348.00	6.66
Uttarakhand	788.00	133.00	16.88	748.33	115.00	15.37	707.19	109.05	15.42
West Bengal	6623.37	6.87	0.10	6070.36	5.56	0.09	6010.06	7.21	0.12
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	6.94	NR	-	5.54	NR	-	#	NR	-
Chandigarh	0.64	NR	-	0.67	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Dadra And Nagar Haveli	16.70	0.85	5.09	18.63	1.34	7.19	#	#	-
Daman And Diu	1.93	0.50	25.91		0.00	-	#	#	-
Delhi	28.54	4.26	14.93	27.48	4.43	16.12	#	#	-
Jammu And Kashmir	877.02	10.82	1.23	878.47	18.11	2.06	#	#	-
Ladakh	15.59	NR	-	15.82	NR	-	#	NR	-
Lakshadweep	NR	NR	-	-	NR	-	NR	NR	-
Puducherry	20.29	0.08	0.39	21.26	0.10	0.47	#	#	-
Others	NA						2401.17	70.28	2.93
All India	130168.89	12288.98	9.44	132204.28	12698.48	9.61	130214.15	13085.61	10.05

Source: Third Advance Estimates 2023-24, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

'#': Included in Others

'NR': Not Reported

NA: Not Applicable

Note: Millets includes Jowar, Bajra, Ragi and Small Millets.
