

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1467**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017

**AREA UNDER SUGARCANE CULTIVATION**

1467. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

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

- (a) the area under sugarcane cultivation in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that a very less area has been covered under sugarcane sowing in the country during the last three years and if so, the reasons for the decline?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): The details of area coverage under sugarcane cultivation in the country during the last three years are given as below:

Year	Area of Sugarcane (lakh hectares)
2014-15	50.67
2015-16	49.27
2016-17*	45.03

\* As per Third Advance Estimates

The normal area under sugarcane cultivation in the country is 50.05 lakh hectares (average of 2011-12 to 2015-16). During 2014-15 and 2015-16, area under sugarcane has been around the normal area coverage. However, area under sugarcane declined during 2016-17 to 45.03 lakh hectares primarily on account of lesser area coverage under sugarcane in Maharashtra. The area under sugarcane cultivation depends on farmers' preference, shift of area to other competing crops, agro-climatic conditions, inter-crop profitability, irrigation facilities, resource availability with farmers and timely payment of cane dues to farmers by the mills etc.

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