



# Rabi Crops Sown More than the Target in Chhattisgarh

## Why In News?

According to the information provided by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on April 8, 2023, besides achieving **the target of 5 percent increase in Rabi area** this year, Rabi crops have been sown in 19.36 lakh hectares, which is the highest in the Rabi season. **101 percent of the target set for it.**

## Key Points

- Significantly, in Chhattisgarh, **18.30 lakh hectare** was cultivated in the last rabi season. This year, with an increase of **5 percent in the rabi area**, a total **sowing target of 19.25 lakh hectares** has been fixed.
- According to the information received from the Agriculture Department, rabi crops have been sown in 19.36 lakh hectares in the state, which is 5.77 percent more than last year's rabi area.
- In the state, the trend of farmers towards pulses cultivation has increased rapidly due to the arrangement of purchase on support price and encouragement of pulses crops. In the current rabi season, pulses are being sown in **8.65 lakh hectares**, which is **45 percent** of the area proposed for cultivation of rabi crops this year.
- So far in Chhattisgarh, cereals have been sown in 5.97 lakh hectare, pulses in 8.14 lakh hectare and oilseeds in 2.84 lakh hectare, sugarcane in 42 thousand 410 hectare and vegetables and other crops in about 2 lakh hectares.
- Sowing of wheat in **2.71 lakh hectare**, maize in **1.71 lakh hectare**, ragi in **35-thousand-hectare**, barley-sorghum and other crops in **11 thousand** hectare and **coarse grains in 1.55 lakh hectare** has been completed in the state.
- Thus, sowing of food grains has been completed in 5.97 lakh hectare in the state, which is **137 percent of the target of 4.36 lakh hectare** for sowing of grain crops in rabi season.
- In this way, pulses have been sown in 8.14 lakh hectare, in which gram has been sown in 3.86 lakh hectare, **Peas/Matar in 55 thousand hectare**, masoor in **34 thousand hectare**, **moong in 31 thousand** hectare, urad in 27 thousand hectare, Sowing of Tivda has been completed in 2.50 lakh hectare, kulthi in 23 thousand hectare and other pulse crops in 7 thousand hectare, which is 94 percent of the target fixed for sowing of pulse crops.
- Similarly, so far oilseed crops have been sown in **2.84 lakh hectares** in the state, including linseed in **46 thousand 190-hectare**, **mustard in 2 lakh** hectares, sesame in **1370-hectare**, **sunflower in 2960-hectare**, safflower in 6960 hectares. Sowing of groundnut, **25,630** and other oilseed crops has been completed in 160 hectares, which is 75 percent of the target of sowing of oilseed crops.