

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PULSES PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of pulses in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to boost production of pulses during the last two years and the percentage of increase recorded in the production of pulses in these two years; and
- (d) the schemes in operation to boost the production of pulses in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The production of pulses in the country is short of requirement therefore pulses are being imported to meet the demand and supply gap.

(c): In order to enhance the pulses production in the country, pulses were brought under the purview of Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses. Following amount has been provided in last two years for implementation of pulses development programmes.

Years Amount (Rs. in lakh)

2001-02 3778.00
2002-03 3100.00

The production of pulses during last two years is given in the following table:

Years Production (in lakh tones)

2001-02 131.91
2002-03 113.10

(d): A scheme of national Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented for increasing the production of pulses in the country. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided for critical inputs like production & distribution of seeds, seed minikits, improved farm implements, rhizobium culture, micro-nutrients, Integrated Pest management and distribution of sprinkler sets, Gypsum, nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV) etc. In addition frontline and block demonstrations are also organized on farmers fields for transfer of technology.