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SETTING UP OF TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON OILSEEDS AND PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have set up a technology mission on oilseeds and pulses;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the activities of technology mission since its inception; and
- (c) the details of the various works undertaken by the technology mission for the development of oilseeds and pulses in the country including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government had set up a Technology Mission on Oilseeds in 1986. Subsequently, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize were added to the Mission in 1990, 1992-93 and 1995-96 respectively. The objectives of the Technology Mission are:

- i. to increase the production of these crops;
- ii. to increase the productivity of these crops;
- iii. to reduce the import of edible oils and pulses.

(c): In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses in the country, the Mission has launched two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) in various States including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. Under both these schemes, financial assistance is provided on various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture and micro nutrients etc.. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R. and block demonstrations are organized by the State Deptt. of Agriculture.