

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826
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SUNFLOWER CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the Unstarred Question No.3334 dated August 18, 2003 and state:

- (a) the number of farmers in KBK districts who are cultivating sunflower since 2001-02, year-wise;
- (b) the assistance extended by the Government to farmers to promote sunflower cultivation during the said period; and
- (c) the extent of success achieved during the said period?

Answer

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

(a): The information on number of sunflower growers in the Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa since 2001-02 is not available as informed by the State Government.

(b): The assistance provided to the State of Orissa including the KBK districts for promoting oilseed production including sunflower cultivation under the Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) during the period 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (allocation) is given below:

Year Amount (Rs. In lakhs)

2001-02	131.25
2002-03	25.00
2003-04	165.00 (allocation)

One third of the above amount is earmarked for KBK districts.

(c): The production of sunflower in KBK districts during 2001-02 and 2002-03 is given below:

Year Production (in thousand MT)

2001-02	2.79
2002-03	2.46