

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT ON NEW VARIETIES OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the oilseeds producing States in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any research to develop new varieties of oilseeds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The major oilseeds producing States in India are Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal, Assam, Orissa, Bihar and Punjab.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities of different States has conducted research to develop new varieties of oilseeds. As a result more than 50 new and improved varieties and hybrids of different oilseed crops have been developed and released for cultivation in the last five year. The new varieties and hybrids have yield potential 20-30% higher than local cultivars. Some of the improved varieties of oilseeds crops released recently are:-

Groundnut: LGN 2, Dh 86, GG 14, CSMG 884.
Rapeseed-Mustard: RTM-314, VSL-5, Vasundhra, Swarn Jyoti, Geeta, Arawali.
Soybean: Ahilya 4, MAUS 47, MPUS 61, MAUS 71, RAUS 5, Indira Soya 9, Hara Soya.
Linseed: LCK 9216, LMH-62, Meera, Parvati.
Sunflower: MLSFH-47, MLSFH-82, KBSH-44.
Safflower: DSH-129, MKH-11.
Sesamum: TKG-55, MT-75, JTS-8.
Castor: Jyothi, DCH-177, GCH-5.