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OILSEED CULTIVATION IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any action plan to increase production of the oil-seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps the Government has taken to encourage farmers to increase cultivation of the oilseeds in the country particularly in Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States with a view to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.

As Jharkhand is not a major oilseeds producing State, it is not covered under ISOPOM. However, the State has been asked to take up oilseeds development programmes under Macro- Management Mode of Agriculture scheme of this Department.