

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECT FOR KHARIF OILSEED PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Organisation for Oil Industry and Trade (COOIT) has initiated any project for the Kharif Oilseed Production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to adopt the new technology for the better results in this field; and
- (d) if so, the details of the layout plan in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Central Organisation for Oil Industry and Trade (COOIT) has submitted a project seeking financial assistance to undertake study of two major kharif oilseed crops i.e. groundnut and sunflower in the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to identify the reasons for declining productivity and to suggest ways for improving it. Since there is no provision for financial assistance for conducting study of this kind under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), the proposal of COOIT could not be accepted by this Ministry.

(c)&(d): Government of India 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 and to make the country self sufficient in oilseed production. 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 equipment, weedicides, 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 also organized through State Departments of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.