

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF GROUNDNUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total Production of Groundnut recorded in the country during the last three years and thereafter;
- (b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to increase the production of Groundnut in the country; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?

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): The production of groundnut in the country during the period 2002-03 to 2005-06 is given as under:

Year Production (in lakh tonnes)

2002-03	41.21	
2003-04	81.82	
2004-05	70.24	(IVth Advance Estimate)
2005-06	59.43	(Ist Advance Estimate-Kharif)

(b)&(c): 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 including groundnut in the country. Under the Scheme, financial 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 including groundnut. 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.