

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF RAJMA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cultivation of Rajma in the country has declined during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the manner in which shortage of Rajma is met;
- (c) the quantity of Rajma imported, if any, from China during the last year; and
- (d) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to encourage cultivation of Rajma in the county?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): Rajma being a minor pulse crop, the data relating to area under its cultivation and production in the country are not being maintained.

(c): The country imported 17283 tonnes of Rajma including white pea and beans from China during 2004-05.

(d): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) from 1st April, 2004 for increasing production and productivity of pulses including Rajma and to make the country self sufficient in pulses production in major pulses growing states in the country.

Under the Scheme, the financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, Polythene Mulch Technology and Integrated Pest Management Technology, 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, pipes for carrying water from water source to the field, and publicity, etc to encourage farmers to cultivate pulses including Rajma in large scale. Besides, to transfer improved production and protection technologies among the farmers, front line demonstrations are being conducted through Indian Council of Agricultural Research.