

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is promoting the production of oilseeds and pulses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the special aid provided to Gujarat under centrally sponsored oilseeds production programme during the last three years; and
- (d) the names of pulses, the production of which is likely to increase and the extent thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) during X Plan in 14 major oilseeds and pulses growing states namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for increasing production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses in the country. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production 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 and pulses.

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.

(c): The assistance provided to Gujarat under the Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme during 2003-04 and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) during 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as below:

Year Assistance provided (Rs. in lakhs)

2003-04	732.00
2004-05	1883.00#
2005-06	1850.00#

(# Assistance includes for oilseeds, pulses, maize and oil palm).

(d): Arhar, Gram, Urd, Moong, Lentil etc. are the major pulse crops cultivated in the country.

The total pulses production in the country has been 13.13 million tonnes and 13.11 million tonnes during 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. It is targeted to produce 16.20 million tonnes of pulses during 2006-07 in the country. However, the production of pulse crops largely depends upon favourable weather conditions as these crops are mostly cultivated on marginal and sub- marginal lands under rainfed areas.