

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2224
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2006
PRODUCTION OF OILSEED IN ORISSA
Majhi Shri Parsuram

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast scope of growing oil seeds in the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput districts of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken during Tenth Plan to increase the area under oilseed cultivation in the State;
- (c) whether any central scheme has been launched for the said purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is a scope for growing oilseeds in the Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa. Government has taken steps to increase area under oilseeds cultivation in the state of Orissa especially in rice fallows during Rabi utilizing residual moisture, and as a substitute crop for paddy in upland areas during Kharif.

(c) & (d): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseed growing states including Orissa during X Plan for increasing the production and productivity of oilseeds. 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 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.