

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) The production and consumption of `Guar` in the country at present, State-wise ;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the farmers to increase the production of `Guar`; and
- (c) If so, the decisions thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) : The state-wise production of Guar in the country during 2005-06 was as under :

(Production in tonnes)

1. Gujarat	109600
2. Harayana	2890
3. Punjab	17800
4. Rajasthan	593218
5. Uttar Pradesh	1880

All India 725388

Guar is used for human consumption, fodder and industrial applications in the country.

(b)&(c) : Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major pulses growing states viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for increasing the production and productivity of pulses including Guar. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, 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 pulses on a large scale. 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 Frontline Demonstrations through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).