

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CULTIVATION OF PULSES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area under cultivation of pulses along with targets set for its production and achievements thereof in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify the locations suitable for the production of pulses and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to frame any specific plan/scheme to increase the production of pulses in the country including Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a): First Advance Estimates of Production of agricultural crops including pulses are normally released in the month of September and the same for 2014-15 have not been prepared so far. State-wise details of area under pulses, their production targets and achievements during 2011-12 to 2013-14 are given in the Annexure.
- (b): No survey has been conducted by Ministry of Agriculture to identify the locations suitable for production of pulses. However, an Expert Group on Pulses constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y. K. Alagh identified the districts in various States with suitability and potential for production of different kinds of pulses.
- (c) to (e): In order to increase production and productivity of pulses in the country including the State of Jharkhand, Government of India has been implementing through State Governments, various Crop Development Schemes/ Programmes such as National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, etc.