

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4010
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000
CULTIVATION OF MAIZE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that there is a vast scope to increase area under maize cultivation in the country particularly in Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to increase the area of land under the production of maize during the year 2000-2001; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked during the last three years of Ninth Five Year Plan for the production of maize?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Maize has a big potential in the country including in the State of Orissa. Therefore, the Government of India is implementing Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP) in all the Maize potential districts of 23 States including Orissa in the country since 1995-96 under which the support is being provided for production and distribution of good quality seeds, technology transfer through demonstrations and trainings etc. Government do not fix targets for increase in area under maize. However production targets are fixed. The details of area and production of maize in Orissa and the Country and the funds earmarked and released during the last three years of 9th Five Year Plan and targets for 2000-2001 under Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP) are as under;

Years 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000 2000-2001

Details	Orissa	All Orissa	All Orissa	All Orissa	All Orissa	All Orissa	All Orissa
	India	India	India	India	India	India	India

1. Area (In lakh ha) 0.52 63.08 0.51 60.83 0.50 65.11 No Targets fixed

2. Production

(Lakh tonnes) 0.64 108.54 0.66 106.78 0.66 107.76 0.90 110.00

3. Funds Allocated

(Government of
India Share

(Rs. in lakhs) 43.58 1000.00 45.87 1000.00 35.18 890.00 11.22 700.00

4. Funds Released

(Rs. in lakhs) 31.50 650.00 63.00 495.00 35.18 510.00 - -

Estimated as on 31.3.2000