

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL OILSEEDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Oilseeds Development Programme is being implemented by the State Governments with the help of various agencies of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to ensure timely supply of desired quality and quantity of seeds to the States or to meet the seed requirement of various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme called `Oilseeds Production Programme` is being implemented in various states with the help of the State Governments, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Seeds Corporation Ltd. (NSC), State farms Corporation of India (SFCI) and other agencies of the State and the Central Government.

(b): Seeds are produced and supplied by the State Government through their Department of Agriculture, State Seed Corporations and other agencies of the State Government. Efforts of State Government are also supplemented by two national level seed producing organizations like National Seeds Corporation Ltd. (NSC) and State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) Every year two Zonal Seed Review meetings are held to assess the availability of seeds of oilseed crops in the country. The Government is providing financial assistance under Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) for production of seeds of oilseed crops to the State Governments.