

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the production of pulses has increased by over 26.71 per cent during 2001-2002 over the preceding year;
- (b) if so, the States where this increase in pulse production has been recorded;
- (c) whether the Government propose to encourage further increase in pulse production during 2002-2003;
- (d) if so, the measures being taken by Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of financial assistance to be released to the State Governments for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The production of pulses has increased by 26.71 percent during 2001-2002 from the preceding year. The increase in pulses production has taken place during 2001-2002 particularly in major pulse growing states namely Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(c) & (d): The Government of India has already taken action for increasing the production of pulses during 2002-2003 with the effective implementation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses development Project (NPDP) in 30 states/UTs. The scheme envisages financial assistance to the States for production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, rhizobium culture, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, micronutrients etc. In addition, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organized for transfer of improved production and protection technology for increasing the production of pulses in the country.

(e): The Government of India has allocated Rs.949.0 lakh (GOI share) to the states during 2002-2003 for the period of first six months for this purpose.