

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5975
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GROUNDNUT CULTIVATION IN ORISSA
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast scope to promote groundnut cultivation in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to bring additional areas under groundnut cultivation during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Central Assistance has been extended for groundnut cultivation in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. There is a scope for promoting groundnut cultivation in Orissa.
- (b): In order to bring additional area under groundnut cultivation in Orissa, the following strategy has been adopted:-
 - (i) Promotion of groundnut cultivation in paddy fallows.
 - (ii) In Kharif, replacement of low yielding minor millets with groundnut in up land areas of Orissa.
 - (iii) Replacement of rabi/summer paddy with groundnut in Orissa.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in the State of Orissa to increase the production of oilseeds including groundnut. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the State on various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of minikits, rhizobium culture/PSB, gypsum/pyrite, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets etc. Besides this for transfer of improved production technology frontline demonstrations by ICAR and block demonstrations by State Department of Agriculture are organized.

The amount released to the State during three years is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year Amount released

2000-2001 145.50
2001-2002 69.97
2002-2003 25.00