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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the present position regarding cultivation of oilseeds and pulses in the country and hectare-wise yield thereof;
- (b) whether the production of oilseeds and pulses is sufficient to meet the requirement of the country;
- (c) if not, the remedial steps being taken thereon; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to promote cultivation of oilseeds and pulses in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The area and production of oilseeds and pulses is fluctuating from year to year depending upon the weather conditions prevailing in the country. However, the estimated area under oilseeds during the year 2001-02 was 22.85 million ha. with a yield estimate of 907 Kg. per ha. whereas the estimated area under pulses during the same year was 22.63 million ha. with a yield estimate of 598 Kg. per ha.

(b) to (d) The production of oilseeds and pulses is not keeping pace with the increasing population and the higher living standard of masses. However, to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses in the country and to meet the requirement two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely, Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) are in operation in various States of the country. Under both these schemes financial assistance is provided on various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture and micro nutrients etc.. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R. and block demonstrations by State Department of Agriculture.