

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DIVERSIFICATION OF CROP PATTERN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to diversify cropping pattern in the drought affected States and particularly in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details of proposals received from various States including Orissa by the Centre; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to implement these proposals?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As a part of national policy, the Government has been emphasizing crop diversification keeping in view the soil health problems being encountered by growing exhaustive crops like cereals followed by cereals. This is intended to conserve the natural resources with sustainability in agriculture. No specific proposal for diversification in the context of drought has been received from Orissa or any other state.