

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1071  
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OIL PALM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the salient features of the Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP);
- (b) the funds allocated for (OPDP) during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (c) the total area of wasteland likely to be utilized for the cultivation of Oil Palm in the country, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the details of the estimated palm oil production in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu under the Oil Palm Development Programme during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) is being implemented in states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Gujarat, Orissa, Assam, Tripura and Kerala with a view of encouraging cultivation of Oil Palm. Under OPDP subsidy is given to Oil Palm farmers for planting material, cultivation inputs and installation of drip irrigation system. A new component for providing subsidy to oil palm farmers for installing diesel pumpset has also been introduced under OPDP with effect from 08.02.2000. Oil palm farmers are being trained at Eluru (Andhra Pradesh) and Palode (Kerala) stations of National Research Centre for Oil Palm. Including Central share of Rs.137.99 crores a total outlay of Rs.179.65 crores has been approved for implementation of OPDP during Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d) Cultivation of Oil Palm is being promoted under OPDP in areas including wasteland identified as suitable for cultivation of oil palm. Area identified as suitable for cultivation of oil palm and estimated production of palm oil during last three years in different states including Tamil Nadu are given at Annexure.

Annexure

State-wise area identified as suitable for Cultivation of Oil Palm and estimated production of Palm Oil

Name of the State    Identified area (in thousand ha)    Estimated Production of Palm Oil (in MT)

1. Andhra Pradesh	400.00	1,818	5,395	8,973
2. Karnataka	250.00	432	567	536
3. Tamil Nadu	30.00	0	0	28
4. Gujarat	61.36	0	0	0
5. Orissa	10.00	0	0	0
6. Goa	10.00	33	61	119
7. Tripura	5.00	0	0	0
8. Assam	10.00	0	0	0

9.Kerala	5.00	4,261	4,428	3,812
10.Maharashtra	10.00	0	0	0
11.West Bengal	10.00	0	0	0
12.Andaman & Nicobar	1.59	1,426	1,284	1,142

Total	802.95	7,970	11,735	14,610
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