

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:282
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2000
TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a technology mission has been constituted to increase the production of oilseeds in the country;
- (b) if so, the schemes formulated to increase the production of oilseeds during the year 1999-2000;
- (c) the total allocation made for implementation of these schemes alongwith the expenditure incurred so far out of the sanctioned amount; and
- (d) the impact of the mission on the oilseed production?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.282 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Technology Mission on Oilseeds was constituted in May, 1986. A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented under the Technology Mission. During the year 1999-2000, the scheme is being implemented in 25 States covering 395 selected districts and is being funded on 75:25 share basis between Central Government and the State Governments. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for the critical inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, gypsum/pyrites, micro-nutrients, rhyzobium culture etc. to the farmer through State Governments. In addition to this, frontline and general demonstrations are also organised on the farmer's fields to disseminate the improved production and protection technologies.

(c) The total allocation for the implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) during the year 1999-2000 is Rs.109.10 crores as Central Share. Out of this, an amount of Rs.77.19 crores has been released to various States so far.

(d) There is a significant increase in the production of oilseeds from a level of 10.83 million tonnes during 1985-86 when the Mission was set up, to the level of 25.21 million tonnes during 1998-99.