

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7891
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CULTIVATION OF SOYABEAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area under soyabean cultivation in Karnataka;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that the soyabean farmers in the Karnataka are not getting better yield;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government provides assistance to Karnataka to set up soyabean processing unit and also to promote soyabean cultivation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The area under Soyabean cultivation in Karnataka for the last three years from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 is as under:

Year Area ('000 hectare)

1997-98	68.0
1998-99	54.0
1999-2000	61.0

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. The productivity of soyabean in Karnataka is lower than other States, mainly due to the fact that this is a recently introduced crop in Karnataka and it would take some time to improve its agronomy to suit to Karnataka agroclimatic condition.

(d)&(e) A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is in implementation in the State for increasing the production and the productivity of oilseeds including soyabean. Under the scheme, financial assistance is being provided for various critical inputs like production and distribution of quality seeds, distribution of seed minikits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, gypsum/pyrites, micro-nutrients, rhizobium culture etc. In addition to this, frontline and general demonstrations are also organised on the farmers fields to disseminate the improved production technologies. However, there is no provision for providing any assistance, under this scheme, for setting up of soyabean processing units.