

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SELF SUFFICIENCY IN FIELD OF OILSEEDS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the country is self-sufficient in the field of oilseeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for achieving self- sufficiency in the field of oilseeds?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States with a view to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and to make the country self sufficient in oilseed production. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipment, weedicides, rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds.

In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Departments of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.