

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF MUSTARD .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the production of mustard is likely to exceed the target this year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has made any arrangement to purchase mustard above the Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) Whether the Government proposes to encourage the farmers to take to alternative crops; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per the 4th Advance Estimates, the production of rapeseed and mustard in 2005-06 is estimated at 78.87 lakh tonnes against the target of 71.30 lakh tonnes. A production target of 73.70 lakh tonnes has been fixed for 2006-07 .

(c)&(d): During the Rabi – 2006 season, 20.98 lakh tonnes of mustard seed was procured by the Government through NAFED on the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.1715 per quintal.

(e)&(f): In order to provide flexibility to the States in promoting crops of their choice and to diversify to economically more viable oilseed crops, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seeds, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of rhizobium culture/ phosphate solubilising bacterial, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc, to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds including rapeseed and mustard. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front line Demonstrations through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).