

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DIVERSIFICATION OF AGRO PRODUCTS .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The names of States for which the proposals for providing financial assistance for diversification of agro-products are under consideration of the Government as on date; and

(b) The present status of the proposals, State-wise? ANSWER

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No proposal for providing financial assistance for diversification of agro-products are under consideration in the Ministry of Agriculture as on date no such proposal has been received from any State. However, the Government is advising the States to promote diversification from cereal centric cropping systems to high value and low water demanding crops especially oilseeds, pulses, medicinal and aromatic plants, horticulture, floriculture, etc. while keeping in view the national food security. Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is under operation in major oilseeds and pulse growing States for the promotion of oilseeds and pulses. National Horticulture Mission has been launched in 2005- 06 in different States to promote horticultural crops in the country.