

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MAIZE CULTIVATION IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any step has been taken to increase the areas under maize cultivation in the scheduled and hilly districts of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of funds and incentives granted to the maize growers during each of the last three years in Orissa particularly in Keonjhar district?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Government of India has taken various steps to increase the area under maize cultivation through a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM) in 15 major maize growing states including in the scheduled and hilly districts of Orissa. The details of district-wise area covered under maize cultivation during the last three years is given at Annexure-I.

(c): Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, Integrated Pest Management Technology, distribution of Plant Protection Chemicals, Plant Protection equipment, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/Phosphate Solubilising Bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets, farmers training, staff & contingencies, officers training and publicity, etc. The details of funds provided to the state of Orissa including Keonjhar District (Rs. in lakhs) during the last three years under ISOPOM are given below:

Year Orissa State Keonjhar Distt.

2004-05	58.41	3.23
2005-06	45.82	3.32
2006-07	42.60	4.98