

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the area under cultivation of pulses during the Eleventh Plan;
- (b) if so, the target fixed for increase in the area of cultivation of pulses during 2007-08;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed for the production of pulses during 2007-08; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major pulses growing states for increasing the area under cultivation of pulses and its production. Although, no targets for increasing the area under cultivation of pulses have been fixed by the Government, major pulse growing states have been advised to increase the area under pulses through intercropping and utilization of rice fallows.

(c)&(d): Government has fixed production target of 15.60 million tonnes for production of pulses during 2007-08.