

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to give incentive to increase the production of oilseeds in lieu of coarse cereals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of oilseeds production during the last three years?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) and (b) Government of India has been announcing higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) of oil seeds in comparison to coarse cereals to encourage farmers to diversify their crop cultivation to oilseeds from coarse cereals. Further, assistance is being provided under a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) 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 equipments, weedicides, supply of 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) demonstration are being organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through iCAR.

(c) The total production of oilseeds in the country during the last three years is given below:

Year    Production (lakh tonnes)

2001-02    206.62

2002-03    150.58

2003-04    251.43