

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF PULSES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government had introduced National Pulses Development Project (NPDP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether since the introduction of the said project, the production of the said project, the production rate of pulses has increased/decreased;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to boost production of pulses in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(e): National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) was implemented in the country from 1990-91 to 2003-04. However, NPDP was merged into a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize (ISOPOM) which is in operation in 14 major pulses producing states with effect from 1st April, 2004. The production of pulses in the year (1989-90) prior to the inception of NPDP was 12.86 million tonnes which has increased to 14.23 million tonnes in the year 2006-07 (IV Advance Estimates). The productivity of pulses has also increased from 549 kg/ha to 594 kg/ha during the same period.

Further, in pursuance of the resolution adopted in the 53rd Meeting of National Development Council, it is proposed to launch `National Food Security Mission` comprising rice, wheat and pulses during XI Plan to enhance the production and productivity of these crops and make the country self-sufficient in food grains.