

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AREA UNDER PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to increase area under pulses cultivation in Orissa particularly in the scheduled districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fund allocation and actual amount spent thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) to increase the area under pulses cultivation in the country including scheduled districts of the state of Orissa. Under ISOPOM, financial assistance is provided for various critical inputs viz. seeds, plant protection chemicals, sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes, gypsum etc.

Besides ISOPOM, financial assistance is also provided to the state of Orissa including some of the scheduled districts of the state under recently launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) – Pulses for bringing additional area under pulses.

An allocation of Rs.750.00 lakhs has been made to the state of Orissa under ISOPOM during 2007-08 out of which an amount of Rs.710.00 lakhs has been utilized by the state including expenditure incurred in the scheduled districts. The state of Orissa has also been allocated an amount of Rs.456.760 lakhs under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08.