

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a vast scope to promote maize cultivation in the Kandhamal and Phulabani and other scheduled districts in Orissa; and
(b) if so, the step taken to promote maize cultivation in those scheduled districts?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. There is scope to promote maize cultivation in Kandhamal and Phulabani and other scheduled areas/districts in Orissa.

Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize` (ISOPOM) to promote cultivation of maize in all the maize potential districts of 15 major maize growing states including Kandhamal and Phulabani and other scheduled districts of Orissa.

Under the scheme, 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 equipments, 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. Besides, to transfer improved production technologies in maize, block demonstrations through State Department of Agriculture and frontline demonstrations through Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) are being conducted.