

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SOYABEAN AND DOLLAR GRAM  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has formulated any programme to enhance the production and productivity of soyabean and `dollar chana` in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses, Government of India is already implementing various schemes for the oilseeds and pulses development in the country including soyabean and gram (chickpea).

Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), is implemented since 1.4.2004 in 14 major oilseeds and pulses growing States. Under ISOPOM, assistance is provided to the States/Implementing Agencies for several components Viz, production and purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation and certified seed, distribution of certified seed, development of seed infrastructure, seed minikits, block, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and frontline demonstration, plant protection chemicals, weedicides, Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (NPV), rhizobium/phosphate solubilising bacteria culture, gypsum/pyrite/lime, sprinkler sets, micro-nutrients, farm implements, irrigation pipes, trainings, publicity, staff and contingency etc.

Besides ISOPOM, the Government has launched several other schemes to encourage the cultivation of oilseeds and pulses as given below:-

1. National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses was launched in 2007-08 and is being implemented in 171 identified districts of 14 major pulses growing States.
2. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme (Revised) provides assistance for oilseeds and pulses development to the States not covered under ISOPOM.
3. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) under which also the States can undertake oilseeds and pulses development programme.