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PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether resources are being mobilised by the Government to provide additional incentives and new methods to farmers to increase the production of pulses to meet the shortfall in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the production and productivity of pulses has gone down during the current year as compared to the last three years;
- (d) if so, the percentage decrease in production of pulses in the country; and
- (e) the schemes being prepared by the Government to increase the production of pulses to meet the requirement in the country?

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): Yes, Madam. Government of India has been actively promoting the production of pulses through various crop development schemes viz. National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Under these schemes, assistance is being provided to the farmers for procurement of quality seed, nutrients, plant protection chemicals, farm machinery etc. Scientific crop production technologies are being transferred to farmers field through technology demonstrations and farmers field Schools. Government has supported International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) for popularizing identified hybrid pigeon pea and enhancing production of Chick Pea in rainfed fallow lands.

(c) & (d): As per the second advance estimate, 2009 there is increase in production of pulses by 1.2% whereas the productivity of pulses has decreased compared to last year. The details of production and productivity of pulses during last three years and current year is as under:-

(Production in million tones & Yield kg/ha)

Crop	Year	Production	Yield
Total pulses	2006-07	14.20	612
	2007-08	14.76	625
	2008-09	14.57	650
	2009-10#	14.74	637

2nd advance estimates
Source: ESA, DAC

(e): From Kharif 2010, pulses components and areas of ISOPOM would be merged with ongoing NFSM – pulses. This is done for ensuring uniformity & focused approach to pulses cultivation. Apart from this, 10 districts of Assam and 15 districts of Jharkhand are also included recently under NFSM – Pulses. As a result, 458 districts in 16 states are covered under NFSM Pulses from the year 2010-11.

Secondly, intensive approach for pulses cultivation through block demonstration of technology and its management through accelerated pulses production project (A3P) in potential 1 million hectares of pulses area is also targeted from Kharif, 2010 for enhanced production of pulses in the country.