

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF PULSES DURING ZAID CROP CYCLE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide special concessions/facilities to farmers to encourage them to produce pulses during the zaid crop-cycle; 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): Government of India has been actively promoting the production of Kharif, Rabi and Zaid pulses through various crop development schemes viz. National Food Security Mission(NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMMA).

Under these programmes, assistance is provided to the farmers for the procurement of quality seed, nutrients, plant protection chemicals, farm machinery etc. Capacity building of farmers and transfer of technology to farmers' fields is also ensured through demonstrations and farmers field schools.