

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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OILSEEDS PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether various measures taken by the Government to boost oilseeds production in the country including the Technology Mission on Oilseeds have not been able to achieve the desired results;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken to revamp the various measures including the said mission, for ensuring higher yield of oilseeds and to achieve improvement in seed technology?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Government of India launched the Technology Mission on Oilseeds in May, 1986 and the Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in April 2004. The production of oilseeds has increased from 10.83 million tones in 1985-86 to a record production of oilseeds at 29.75 million tones in 2007-08. The productivity of oilseeds has also increased from 570 kg/ha in 1985-86 to 1115 kg/ha in 2007-08.

(b) & (c): The Government of India has already modified ISOPOM in 2007-08. The modifications have been made in respect of norms and pattern of assistance, inclusion of new components and new agencies. The details are as under;

(i) Enhancement of assistance on production of foundation and certified seed from Rs.500/- per quintal to Rs.1000/- per quintal and from Rs.800/- per quintal to Rs.1200/- per quintal on distribution of certified seeds.

(ii) Involvement of private sector seed producing agencies in distribution of certified seeds.

(iii) Enhancement/ rationalization of subsidy on demonstration of polythene mulch technology in groundnut.

(iv) Enhancement/rationalization of subsidy on sprinkler set, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming, cultures and pipes for carrying water.

(v) Introduction of new components of supply of micro nutrient and improved farm implements.

In order to enhance production of oilseeds, the Government of India is implementing various schemes viz: Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). ISOPOM is implemented in 14 major oilseeds growing States to increase the production of oilseeds. The Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds development to the States not covered under ISOPOM. Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), the States can support crop development activities approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State.