

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:455  
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SOYABEAN PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total area under soyabean cultivation in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the soyabean production in the country, including Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether poor monsoon has adversely affected soyabean production;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government for improving the quality of soyabean and also to popularise the same?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

? STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 455 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH APRIL, 2010.

(a) & (b): State-wise details of area coverage and production of soyabean in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The production of soyabean in the country during 2009-10 is estimated at 10.22 million tonnes which is marginally higher than the production of 9.91 million tonnes during 2008-09.

(e): The Directorate of Soyabean Research under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is working for improvement of quality of soyabean through removal of beany flavour, improving the digestibility of soyabean, increasing the oil content, improving the oil quality and enhancing the level of nutraceuticals present in soyabean which are beneficial for human health. There is a lot of scope for production of value added products of soyabean such as neggets, granules, dal analog, soya nuts, and development of special varieties of soya products such as soya milk, curd and lassi, soya paneer, soya candy, soya namkeen, etc. The Directorate of Soyabean Research is providing training for production of these products. The Ministry of Food Processing Industry has initiated the process of interaction with the ICAR and the associations and entrepreneurs from soyabean sector, to identify the technological gaps and find ways and means to bridge these gaps, through transfer of technology to primary producers for value addition and enhancement of shelf life, to promote and popularize soyabean and soya products in the country.