

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PULSES AND OILSEEDS PRODUCTION UNDER ISOPOM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States selected for cultivation of oilseeds pulses and maize under the Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), separately;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to assist the farmers engaged in cultivation of oilseeds, pulses and maize;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of these crops?

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): The Government of India launched Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 2004. The scheme was approved for crops/states as per details given below:

S.No. Crops Number of States

- 1. Oilseeds 14
- 2. Pulses 14
- 3. Maize 15
- 4. Oil Palm 12

The pulses component of ISOPOM has been merged with National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from 1.4.2010.

(b)to(e): In order to enhance production of oilseeds, pulses and maize, the Government of India is implementing various schemes viz; Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). NFSM provides support for pulses development. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds, pulses and maize development to the States not covered under ISOPOM. The States can support crop development activities approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State for any crop under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Assistance is provided for several components under ISOPOM 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.