

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PULSES PROMOTION SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether to improve production and availability of pulses, the Government has decided to bring all pulses promotion schemes under a single window;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has been involved in the process; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the final decision taken in the matter?

**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) to (d): National Food Security Mission(NFSM) has been strengthened with enhanced scope for more intensive promotion of pulses crops. Pulses components of Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) have been merged in the mission and all the districts in the ISOPOM/NFSM States are now covered under NFSM Pulses. In addition, 15 districts of Jharkhand and 10 districts of Assam have also been included under NFSM Pulses based on their potential for pulses development. Thus, revamped NFSM Pulses is now covering in 458 districts of 16 states as against earlier 171 districts of 14 states. The mission provides assistance for promotion of quality seeds, Integrated Nutrient management, integrated pest management, farm mechanization, demonstrations and trainings of farmers etc. In addition to the above mentioned enhancement of scope, new initiative -Accelerated Pulsesproduction Programme has been launched as part of NFSM Pulses from 2010-11. Under "Accelerated Pulses Production Programme, 1 million hectare of potential pulses areas for the major pulses crop-tur, urad, moong, gram and lentil has been taken up for large scale demonstration of technology in compact blocks.

Planning commission has been involved since planning stage of the proposal. The observations of Planning Commission have been considered and incorporated in the merger proposal along with suggestions received from other concerned departments. The revised NFSM-Pulses was approved by the CCEA in the month of February.