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PULSE PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the requirement and production of pulses in the country during 2009-10;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to encourage farmers to cultivate pulses;
- (c) whether the Government has increased the allocation by nearly eight fold as compared to 2007-08;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the production of pulses is likely to increase as a result thereof?

Answer

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(a) & (b): The demand for pulses during 2009-10 was projected as 17.94 million tons (based on the Behaviouristic Approach) as per the working group report of Planning Commission. The production of pulses during 2009-10 was 14.59 million tons (as per the 4th advance estimate 2009-10 of DES).

Government of India has been implementing National Food Security Mission-pulses component in 16 states, wherein, farmers are provided assistance for procurement of certified seeds; integrated nutrient management; integrated pest management; weedicides; farm machinery etc. Dissemination of new technologies and capacity building of the farmers are ensured through demonstrations and farmers field schools respectively.

From 2010-11, NFSM is strengthened by merger of ISOPOM pulses components and areas with NFSM Pulses for ensuring uniformity in implementation; Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) has been launched under NFSM-Pulses from Kharif, 2010 for demonstration of Production and Protection Technologies on Village Level Compact Blocks for enhanced production of pulses as well as motivating Farmers. Pulses farmers are also provided assistance under Macro management mode of Agriculture (MMA) scheme and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) also.

New initiative of "Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India" in Six eastern states is also focused towards enhancing agriculture production including pulses. Besides, new initiative of "organizing 60,000 pulses and Oilseed villages" is being implemented in major pulses growing states to supplement the efforts of other schemes in enhancing the pulses production in the dry land areas.

(c) to (e): During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 105.59 crores was released under NFSM Pulses and Rs.343.35 Crores under ISOPOM scheme for the development of pulses, Maize, Oilpalm, Oilseeds. Whereas, during the current year, an amount of Rs. 477.03 Crores under NFSM pulses and Rs. 366 Crores under Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) are allocated. In addition, an amount of Rs. 300 Crores has been allocated under the new scheme of organising 60,000 pulses and oilseed villages. Besides, Rs. 400 Crores is allocated under bringing green revolution in eastern India wherein, pulses promotion is one of the strategies for enhanced agriculture production.

It is targeted to achieve 16.5 million tons of pulses production at the end of 2010-11.