

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SOYABEAN CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the areas under Soyabean cultivation during the current kharif season;
- (b) if so, the States where such increase has been proposed;
- (c) the total additional area proposed to be brought under Soyabean cultivation in the country including Rajasthan;
- (d) the incentives proposed to be given to the Soyabean growers; and
- (e) the Central assistance proposed to be provided for this purpose?

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(c): Soybean has shown an increase in area from 0.03 million hectares in 1970-71 to 9.51 million hectares in 2008-09.

Major soybean growing States such as Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh have indicated an increase in area under soybean in Kharif, 2009.

(d): Assistance for soybean is available under Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) implemented by Government of India. ISOPOM is implemented in 14 major oilseeds growing States. Details of components assisted under ISOPOM at Annexure.

(e): An amount of Rs.320 crores has been kept for oilseeds, pulses, oil palm and maize development programmes under ISOPOM during 2009-10.