

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INCENTIVES TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives to the farmers for their production on the lines of the bail out package provided to the industrial sector to deal with the economic slowdown;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the decline in the production of pulses and oilseeds in the country and the steps taken to increase their production; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to bring all the farmers under the cover of Minimum Support Price?

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) & (b): Government of India has been implementing various crop development schemes of National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P), Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, Mini Mission-II of Jute Technology Mission, extending Green Revolution to Eastern India, organizing 60,000 pulses & oil seeds villages in rainfed areas etc. for increasing the production and productivity of crops. Under these schemes, assistance is provided to the farmers on various inputs like seeds, agriculture implements, water saving devices, Integrated pest management, transfer of crop production and plant protection technology through demonstrations and training of farmers and extension workers etc.

(c): Pulses and Oil seeds are primarily rainfed crop taken on marginal land. Decline in production of pulses and oilseeds are mainly attributed to unfavourable weather conditions. However, the production of pulses and oil seeds has increased from 11.07 million tonnes and 18.44 million tonnes in 2000-01 to 14.54 million tonnes and 24.93 million tonnes respectively in 2009-10 (4th Advance Estimates). To increase production of pulses and oilseeds, the Government of India has been implementing schemes of National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P), and organizing 60,000 pulses & oil seeds villages in rainfed areas.

(d): In order to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production, Minimum Support Prices are declared for Kharif crops and Rabi crops every year by the Government of India. Apart from NAFED, Central Warehousing Corporation and National Consumers` Cooperative Federation have been nominated as Central procurement agencies for Pulses crops.