

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LAND UNDER CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total areas covered under the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, pulses and spices in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been any decrease/increase in the area of cultivation of the above items during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; item-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme to increase areas for cultivation of these items in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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): A statement showing the total area covered under cultivation of fruits, vegetables, pulses and spices in the country during the last three years, State-wise is placed at Annexure 'A'. The area under cultivation of fruits, vegetables and spices has increased whereas the area under pulses has decreased slightly as depicted in the statement.

(d) & (e): The Government of India has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz., Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, J&K and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the remaining states for holistic development of horticulture including improvement of production and productivity of horticultural crops viz., fruits, vegetables and spices. Under these schemes, assistance is being provided for area expansion, establishment of nurseries for raising quality planting material, rejuvenation of senile orchards, nutrient and water management, etc. which help in improving the production and productivity of horticulture crops.

For increasing the production and productivity of pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize" (ISOPOM) is being implemented in the country. National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses is also being implemented in 171 districts of 14 major pulses growing states which envisages enhancement of production of pulses by 20 lakh tones upto 11th Five Year Plan.