

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility and Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the amount allocated under the programme during each of the last three years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the amount of funds released and utilised under the scheme, State-wise;
- (e) the targets set and the achievements made under the programme;
- (f) whether these schemes have succeeded in arresting soil erosion, increasing the soil health and productivity of the pulses and oilseeds and reducing the import of these produces; and
- (g) 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) & (b): The Government has launched the "National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility (NPMSF)" during 2008-09 to promote soil test based balanced and judicious use of fertilizers for improving soil health and its productivity.

A Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oil Seeds, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented to increase the production and productivity of these crops in the country. Under the Scheme financial assistance is provided to the States to encourage use of quality inputs to increase productivity.

(c) & (d): Under "National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility", funds are released on the basis of the proposals received. The funds released and utilized under the scheme during the last 3 years including Andhra Pradesh are given in Annexure-I.

The amount allocated and released under the ISOPOM scheme for the last three years is given in Annexure-II.

(e): The targets for 11th Plan and achievements made so far in respect of main components of National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility is given below:-

(Unit: numbers) Component Target Achievement (as on 30-10-10)

1. New Static STLs 500 119 2. New Mobile STLs 250 116 3. Strengthening of existing STLs 315 155 4. New FQCLs 20 14 5. Strengthening of FQCLs 63 39 STL: Soil Testing Laboratories

FQCL: Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories

Target and achievement made under the ISOPOM scheme for the last three years is given at Annexure-III.

(f) & (g): Measures under NPMSF and ISOPOM are aimed at improving soil health and productivity of pulses and oilseed respectively. The production and the productivity of pulses have improved from 14.57 million tonnes (2008-09) to 14.59 million tonnes (estimated 2009-10), production and productivity of some oilseeds have also shown improvement. The total domestic availability, however, is still short of demand necessitating imports.