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PRODUCTION OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimate of pulses and oilseeds production for the current year;
- (b) the projections of consumption of pulses and oilseeds during the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the quantity of consumption of pulses and oilseeds during the last three years in the country; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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): As per 1st Advance Estimates released on 23-09-2010, the production of pulses and oilseeds during kharif season of the current year i.e. 2010-11 is estimated at 6.00 million tones and 17.27 million tones respectively.

(b): The State-wise consumption requirement of pulses and oilseeds have not been prepared by Ministry of Agriculture. However, based upon the behaviouristic approach, Working Group of Planning Commission constituted for 11th Five Year Plan has projected the demands (including consumption requirements) of pulses and oilseeds for the current year i.e. 2010-11 at 15.29 million tones and 51.34 million tones respectively.

(c) & (d): Based upon the per capita norms as per Consumer Expenditure Survey of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) for 2004-05 and projected population of the country, the household consumption requirements of pulses for the last three years i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10 are estimated at 10.76 million tones, 10.91 million tones and 11.06 million tones respectively. Based upon the above survey, the consumption requirements of edible-oils for 2007-08 to 2009-10 are estimated at 8.33 million tones, 8.44 million tones and 8.55 million tones respectively.

In order to meet the requirement of pulses and oilseeds for growing population of the country, the Government is implementing a number of Crop Development Schemes such as National Food Security Mission, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Besides, a new Sub-scheme has also been introduced under RKVY during 2010-11 as a special initiative for pulses and oilseeds for organizing 60,000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas. Increasing production and productivity of oilseeds would enhance their availability and reduce dependence on imports.