

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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CROPPING PATTERN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to the existing policies the cropping pattern in the country is limited to a few crops like wheat, rice and sugarcane etc. resulting in acute shortage of other essential commodities like pulses and edible oils etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to rectify the said cropping patterns?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Although, rice and wheat being major food grain crops receive more attention, Government is equally concerned about the promotion of other essential commodities and several schemes focusing on promotion of pulses, edible oils etc. are being implemented in the country.

Enhancement of production & productivity of pulses is promoted through National Food Security Mission-Pulses which is being implemented in 467 districts in 16 states of the country. Recently new initiative -Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) has been launched as part of NFSM Pulses from 2010-11. Under "Accelerated Pulses Production Programme" 1 million hectare of potential pulses areas for the major pulses crops-tur, urad, moong, gram and lentil has been taken up for large scale demonstration of technology in compact blocks. An amount of Rs. 300 crores has also been provided in the union budget 2010-11 to promote dry land farming in sixty thousand "Pulses and oilseeds villages" in rainfed areas. These funds have been provided as additional central assistance under the ongoing scheme of "Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana" (RKVY).

Similarly, oilseed development is being promoted through Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM) based cropping system in 9 OilPalm growing states in the country.

These efforts of the Government have resulted in significant increase in production of pulses and oilseeds crops this year, as is evident from the production figure released in 2nd Advance estimates. It is estimated that 16.5 million tones of pulses is produced which is nearly 2 million tones more than that of the previous year. Similarly at 27.85 million tones production of oilseeds is nearly 3 million tones more than that of 2009-10.