

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HORTICULTURE AND OILSEED CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage farmers to cultivate horticulture and oilseed crops over others in the country including Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage horticulture and oilseed crops in Orissa and other States under various Central plans?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Horticulture crops and oil seed crops provide better return to farmers per unit area depending upon the agro-climatic conditions.

In order to enhance production and productivity of horticulture crops, Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the holistic development of horticulture in the country viz. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) from 2001-02 in 11 States and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) from 2005-06 in remaining 18 States including Orissa and 3 Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

In order to enhance production and productivity of oilseeds, maize and area expansion under oil palm in the country, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major Oilseeds, 15 Maize growing States and 9 Oil Palm growing States including Orissa. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds to the States not covered under ISOPOM. Under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY), separate funds have been provided for organizing sixty thousand 'Pulses and Oilseeds Villages' in rainfed areas where pulses and oilseeds are grown predominantly.