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SHORTAGE OF OILSEEDS AND PULSES

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

- (a) whether the production of oilseeds and pulses is low in comparison to the demand in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of production of the said crops during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to acquire land on lease abroad for farming and use of hybrid seeds to meet the said shortage; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other steps taken to increase the production of the said crops?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The production of oilseeds and pulses is low in comparison to the demand in the country. The demand and production of oilseeds and pulses during Eleventh Plan Period is as under:

(Demand and Production in Million Tonnes)

Year Oilseeds Pulses

	Demand	Production	Demand	Production
2007-08	45.46	29.76	16.77	14.76
2008-09	47.43	27.72	17.51	14.57
2009-10	49.35	24.88	18.29	14.66
2010-11#	51.34	31.10	19.08	18.09

# IVth Advance Estimates.

The major constraints in oilseeds and pulses production are as under:

- (i) Low productivity primarily due to cultivation in un-irrigated areas. About 73% area under oilseeds and 84% area under pulses is rainfed.
- (ii) Need for varietal replacement through development of hybrids in oilseed and pulse crops like Groundnut, Sesame, Soybean, Niger, pigeon pea, chickpea, moong, urd etc .
- (iii) Production losses due to pests and diseases.
- (iv) High risk due to vagaries of nature and susceptibility to a number of insect- pests and diseases.

(c): The production of oilseeds and pulses in major States during last four years is at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): Ministries of Agriculture, External Affairs and Commerce have been receiving requests from various countries and our missions abroad, inviting Indian corporate and farmers to take up commercial agriculture in their countries. Understandably, there are requests from Indian companies/farmers for more detailed information such as agro-climatic conditions, terms and conditions of engagement etc. in different countries. While the Government has not formulated any policy in this matter, it has supported efforts by FICCI for organizing a workshop on 6-7th May, 2010, to help in the dissemination of useful information regarding agro-climatic conditions, the state of agriculture and other information in these countries, in which senior Government officers of various countries

and representatives of Indian corporate houses participated.

Further, in order to enhance the production of oilseeds, the Government of India is implementing a Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States since 1.4.2004. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) Provides support for enhancing the production of pulses in 16 major pulses growing States. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) provide support of oilseeds and pulses development programme. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds and pulses development to the States not covered under ISOPOM and NFSM. The States can support crop development activities approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State for any crop under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Beside this, the Government of India has also launched a special scheme for organizing sixty thousand pulses villages in rainfed areas under RKVY with an allocation of Rs.300.00 crores during 2011-12. Besides, significant increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of pulses and oilseeds crops has been made. These measures have resulted in record production of pulses and oilseeds in 2010-11.