

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHING PULSE VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Budget 2011 had provided funds to establish 60000 pulse villages in the country in order to increase the production of pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the achievement made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. For enhancing the production and productivity of pulses, Government of India had provided an amount of Rs.300.00 crores in union budget 2011-12 under the programme of "Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Villages" in Rainfed Areas. The programme is being implemented in 11 major pulses growing States Viz. A.P, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, M.P, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu & Uttar Pradesh. Under this programme, support for in situ moisture conservation works; demonstration of production and protection technologies in compact blocks under accelerated pulses production programme; and market linked extension support to Small Farmer Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) for framework of organising farmers Organizations & extending end to end support to ensure better economic return to the farmers is provided. Out of 300.00 crores allocated during 2011-12, an amount of Rs.164.05 crores has been released to the state for implementation of the programme till 15.11.2011.