GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3005 ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011 SOYABEAN BASED INDUSTRY Singh Shri Ijyaraj

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to set up soyabean based industries or to provide assistance to soyabean industries operating in Rajasthan; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is already implementing oilseeds development programme including soybean crops under Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize" (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States including Rajasthan since 1.4.2004.

Assistance is provided under ISOPOM to the States/Implementing Agencies for several components viz; production and purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation and certified seed, distribution of certified seed, development of seed infrastructure, seed minikits, block demonstration, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and frontline demonstration, plant protection chemicals, weedicides, Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (NPV), rhyzobium/phosphate solbulising bacteria culture, gypsum/pyrite/lime, sprinkler sets, micro-nutrients, farm implements, irrigation pipes, trainings, publicity, staff and contingency etc.

Government of India also provides assistance for oilseeds under Macro- Management of Agriculture (MMA) scheme for States not covered under ISOPOM and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana on approval by the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC).

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in form of grant-in-aid to all industries within the framework of national priority. The sectors in food processing consist of fruits and vegetables, milk products, meat, poultry, fishery, cereal/other consumer food products, oilseeds products, rice milling, flour milling, pulse processing and such other agri-horticultural sectors including food flavours and colours, oleoresins, spices, coconut, mushroom and hops. The activities of aerated water, packaged drinking water and soft drinks are not considered for financial assistance under the Scheme. No commodity including Soybean is being taken up on priority basis. The financial assistance given to Rajasthan during 2007-08 to 2011-12 for all sectors including Soybean in given below:-

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(Rs. In lakhs)
Year 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12
(As on 31.10.2011)

Amount 566.075 551.975 325.46 691.123 806.10
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Besides this, the Government of Rajasthan has informed that Rajasthan State Agricultural Marketing Board and Industries Department provides fiscal and other facilities through promotion of Agro-processing and Agri-business 2010 and Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2003.