

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF PULSES

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

- (a) whether the production, availability and the per capita availability of pulses and oilseeds have shown a declining trend in the last three years in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of shortage alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating a cluster approach/ contingency plan for increasing the production of pulses and oilseeds in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide additional allocation of funds to the States under the said contingency plan and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for allocation of such assistance?

**Answer**

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(a)&(b): During the period from 2008-09 to 2010-11. the production of Pulses has increased from 14.57 million tonnes to 18.09 million tonnes. Similarly, the production of oilseeds has also increased from 27.72 million tonnes to 31.10 million tonnes during the same period. As regards availability, Per capita availability of edible oils also increased from 11.4 kg/ year during 2007-08 to 13.1 kg/year during 2009-10. However, in case of pulses it has decreased from 15,3 kg/year during 2008 to 11.6 kg/year during 2010. The decrease in per capita availability of pulses could be mainly attributed to slow rate in increase of pulses production compared to rate of population growth.

(c)& (d): Government of India has been actively promoting the production of pulses & oilseeds in cluster approach through various crop development schemes viz. National Food Security Mission on Pulses (NFSM-Pulses)T Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize (ISOPOM), Macro-management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses villages in Rainfed areas and Special Programme on Oil Palm Area Expansion (OPAE) under RKVY in major pulses and oilseed growing states in the country.

(e) & (f): In order to boost the production of pulses further during rabi season through additional coverage of area, an additional allocation of Rs. 80.00 crore has been made under NFSM-Pulses and released to the states based on the contingency plan prepared by the States.