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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS AND OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a study regarding very low production due to less interest being taken by farmers in the farming of foodgrains and oilseeds in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a gap between production of foodgrains and oilseeds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the measures taken to bridge the comparative gap between the production of foodgrains and oilseeds; and
- (f) the assistance and incentives given to the farmers to boost the production of oilseeds in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The interest of the farmers in farming of foodgrains and oilseeds has not declined as no significant reduction in total cropped area under foodgrains and oilseeds has been noticed in the past five years. The area under foodgrains and oilseeds in the past 5 years is annexed.

(c) & (d): The total foodgrains production during 2011-12 is 250.42 Million Tonnes (as per 2nd Advance Estimates of Directorate of Economics & Statistics(DES) as against the projected demand of 244 Million Tonnes (Planning Commission). Therefore India can be said to be self sufficient in foodgrains production.

However, as per 2nd Advance Estimate of DES the total Oilseeds production during 2011-12 is 30.53 Million Tonnes against the projected demand of 53 Million Tonnes (Planning Commission). Therefore, the gap in supply is met through imports especially of vegetable oils.

(e) & (f): For increasing the production and productivity of foodgrains and oilseeds Government of India has initiated a number of development schemes and programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and its sub schemes targeting strategic areas like Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI) for improving production of rice based cropping systems, Integrated development of 60,000 Pulse Villages in rainfed areas and Initiatives for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP) and Integrated scheme of Oilseeds, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM). Under the scheme of ISOPOM financial assistance is provided to farmers for production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of micro nutrients & improved Agriculture implements, supply of rhizobium culture/ phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/ pyrite/ liming/ dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, training publicity, etc.