

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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OIL PALM CULTIVATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned any scheme to expand oil palm cultivation in North Eastern States including Assam; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): Oil Palm Development Programme under Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is presently under implementation in North Eastern State of Mizoram besides Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Goa, Orissa, Kerala and Maharashtra.

Under ISOPOM, assistance is provided for cost of planting material, maintenance of plantation for 4 years, cultivation inputs, installation of drip irrigation system, diesel pump sets, training, development of waste-land, extension and publicity, establishment & staff, demonstrations, leaf-nutrients analysis laboratories and testing of genotypes under various environmental conditions, and innovative interventions etc.

Besides ISOPOM, Government of India has launched Oil Palm Area Expansion (OPAE) Programme for bringing 60,000 hectares in 8 potential States including Mizoram during 2011-12 under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). OPAE includes a strategy indicating State specific targets for area expansion, critical interventions, pattern of assistance, research and development components, institutional linkages, monitoring etc.