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TREE BORNE OILSEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any norms for the cultivation of Jatropha to promote model plantation of various Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to open a separate department for promoting model plantation of various tree borne oilseeds including Jatropha and Oil Palm;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the department is likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The norms for promotion and cultivation of Tree Borne Oilseeds including Jatropha have been issued. The details of the norms are at Annexure-I. For promoting TBOs including Jatropha on waste land of State Governments/Institutes under the Central Sector Scheme "Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds", the details of targets and achievements are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board under the administrative control of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is in existence since 8th March, 1984 under the National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board Act, 1983 (29 of 1983) as a statutory body and has been entrusted with the nodal responsibility for implementation of a Central Sector Scheme "Integrated Development of tree borne oilseeds" for promotion of Tree Borne Oilseeds including Jatropha since 9th Plan onwards. However, the oil palm development programme under Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm & Maize

(ISOPOM) is being implemented in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Gujarat, Goa, Odisha, Kerala, Mizoram and Maharashtra. Besides ISOPOM, Government of India has launched Oil Palm Area Expansion (OPAE) programme for bringing 60,000 hectares during 2011-12 under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY).

(e): In view of (c) & (d) above, question does not arise.