

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTIVITY OF PULSES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the productivity of pulses in the country is at par with that of advanced countries including China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, countrywise; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the productivity of pulses in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per reports of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) for the year 2010 (latest available), the productivity of pulses in India is lower than that in advanced countries including China. Details of productivity of pulses in major pulse producing/advanced countries in the world for the year 2010 are as under:-

Country	Productivity (Kg/Ha)
India	691
Canada	1814
China	1583
Myanmar	1161
Brazil	922
USA	1856
Nigeria	872
Australia	1089
Ethiopia	1217
France	3850
World	890

As per official estimates released by Ministry of Agriculture.

(c): In order to increase productivity of pulses in the country, the Government of India has taken following initiatives through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):-

Development of short duration, photo-thermo insensitive varieties for different agro-ecology. Development of hybrids in pigeonpea. Development of efficient plant architecture in major pulses crops. Development of good agronomic practices. Development of bio-intensive Integrated Pest Management modules. Development of resource conservation and utilization technologies. Improved machines for planting, harvesting, threshing and processing. Production of breeder seed of latest released varieties & hybrids and organizing frontline demonstrations in farmers' field.