

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth rate of production of pulses and oilseeds has registered higher during the years 2011-12 and 2012-13;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;
- (c) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and the Planning Commission have suggested for diversification of farm production towards pulses and oilseeds which are essential for nutritional security;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(a) & (b) Crop-wise details of annual growth rate of production of major pulses and oilseeds during 2007-08 onwards are as under:-

Crops Growth Rate (%)

2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13

Tur 32.9 -26.4 8.8 16.1 -7.2 3.4

Gram -9.2 22.8 5.9 10.0 -6.3 11.2

Total Pulses 4.0 -1.3 0.7 24.4 -6.3 2.9

Groundnut 88.8 -21.9 -24.3 52.3 -15.7 -17.0

Rapeseed & mustard -21.6 23.4 -8.2 23.8 -19.3 11.5

Soyabean 23.9 -9.7 0.6 27.8 -4.1 6.1

Total Oilseeds 22.5 -6.8 -10.2 30.5 -8.3 -1.1

Second Advance Estimates released on 08.02.2013.

(c) to (e) India being a large importer, oilseeds (edible oils) and pulses remains a major challenge for the country in terms of meeting its demand from domestic production. In order to ensure nutritional security by enhancing domestic availability through higher production in the country, the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices in its Price Policy Reports for Kharif and Rabi Crops has recommended for diversification of pulses and oilseeds. The Commission has recommended that the farmers need to be incentivized adequately to shift to cultivation of these crops to better irrigated lands and increase their Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) after due consideration of the cost of production, domestic demand-supply etc. The Plan Document for 12th Plan approved by the National Development Council also envisages diversification of agricultural production towards oilseeds and pulses with adequate support for procurement and resource uses.

In order to increase production of pulses and oilseeds, Government has been implementing several Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM), etc. National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM. In addition, a new programme "Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P)" has been started under NFSM since 2010-11 to take up active propagation of key technologies in the form of block demonstrations for improving productivity of pulses. Further, a Special Plan to achieve more than 19 million tonnes of pulse production during 2012-13 has also been initiated.