

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PULSE AND OIL SEED VILLAGES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has created 60,000 pulse and oil seed villages to encourage the cultivation of the said crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the achievement made so far in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): Government of India had implemented "Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in Rainfed Areas" programme in 2010-11 with an allocation of Rs.300 crores to focus on integrated intervention of water harvesting, watershed management and soil health for enhancing the productivity of pulses and oilseeds in the dry land farming areas in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Subsequently, the programme was renamed "Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Villages in Rainfed Areas" in 2011-12 and implemented with an outlay of Rs. 300.00 crores in 11 states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh constituting nearly 96 percent of pulse area in the country. For enhancing production and productivity of pulses, the interventions included in the programme like in situ moisture conservation (a) New farm ponds including polythene lining or dug wells (b) plastic lining of developed farm ponds, accelerated Pulses production program with inclusion of minikits and pest surveillance and market linked extension support through Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC). The programme was subsumed under NFSM-Pulses from 2012-13. Under the above programme, 3016 custom hiring units of farm implements (Tractor, Rotavator & Ridge furrow planter) was established during 2010-11. During 2011-12, construction of 10614 new farm ponds with lining, 1263 lining of old farm ponds, 345 units of block demonstrations of pulses (1000 ha per unit) were conducted by the states. In addition to this, Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC) formed 7551 Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs) & 127 Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) to develop market chain of pulses.

The implementation of NFSM-Pulses, A3P and "Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in Rainfed Areas" resulted into increase in the production of pulses from 14.20 million tones from 2006-07 to 17.09 million tones during 2011-12 with an increase of 2.89 million tones against the envisaged target of 2.0 million tones.