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CULTIVATION OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area under cultivation of oilseeds and pulses in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the production, productivity and area of cultivation of these crops in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the incentive/MSP being given to farmers to promote the cultivation of the said crops; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage cultivation of oilseeds and pulses in water scarce area?

Answer

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

(a): State-wise details of area under oilseeds and pulses during 2012-13 (4th Advance Estimates) is given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): To increase the production of pulses and oilseeds through area expansion and increase in productivity, Government of India has been implementing various Crop Development Schemes such as National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (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. A Special Plan to achieve more than 19 million tones of pulse production during 2012-13 has also been initiated. Further, Government of India has incentivised farmers by significantly increasing the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of these crops as indicated below:

Minimum Support Price (Rs. per quintal)
Crop 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14

Pulses

Tur	2300	3000	3200	3850	4300
Moong	2760	3170	3500	4400	4500
Urad	2520	2900	3300	4300	4300
Gram	1760	2100	2800	3000	#
Masur	1870	2250	2800	2900	#
Oilseeds					
Groundnut	2100	2300	2700	3700	4000
In Shell					
Rapeseed & Mustard	1830	1850	2500	3000	#
Soyabean (Black)	1350	1400	1650	2200	2500
Soyabean (Yellow)	1390	1440	1690	2240	2560
Sunflower Seed	2215	2350	2800	3700	3700
Sesamum	2850	2900	3400	4200	4500
Nigerseed	2405	2450	2900	3500	3500
Safflower	1680	1800	2500	2800	#
Toria	1735	1780	2425	2970	#

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Additional Incentive at the rate of Rs.500 per quintal of tur, urad and moong sold to procurement agencies was payable during the harvest/arrival period of two months.

#Being Rabi crop, MSP has not been declared so far.

(d): To encourage cultivation of oilseeds and pulses in water scarce areas, Government of India is implementing the Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) in selected States since 2011-12 as a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

To encourage cultivation of pulses in water scarce areas, interventions like demonstration of Ridge furrow markers/seed drill etc. are

taken up under NFSM – Pulses.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has also developed varieties of oilseeds and pulses suitable for water scarce areas with matching production technologies to mitigate stress.