

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF SOYABEAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production and area under cultivation of soyabean in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there are reports of adverse impact of cultivation of soyabean on the production of other crops in the same field;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any scheme to promote the cultivation of soyabean in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): State-wise details of production and area under cultivation of soyabean during last three years i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13 are given in the Annexure. Area and production estimates of soyabean for the current year have not been prepared so far.

(b) & (c): Soyabean is a leguminous crop and legumes have long been recognized and valued as "soil building" crops. Soyabean fixes nitrogen from the atmosphere and adds nitrogen to the soil, increases soil reserves of organic matter and soil aeration, improves soil structure and soil water-holding capacity and makes soil easier to till and thus maintains general soil health status. In addition, the tillage requirement for growing subsequent crop happens to be minimum which, in turn, reduces the cost of cultivation and enhances the possibilities of timely sowing. Wheat, chickpea, mustard, potato etc., are being grown successfully after the harvest of soyabean with application of recommended doses of nutrients to respective crops.

(d) & (e): To promote the cultivation of oilseeds including soyabean in the country, a centrally sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented in 14 major oilseed growing States of the country.

Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals/equipments, weedicides, supply of micro nutrients & improved agricultural implements, supply of rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, training, publicity, etc.