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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND PULSES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the rate of production of oilseeds and pulses registered in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is a wide gap between production and demand of foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of these crops to meet its demands in the country and impose limits on import of pulses and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of funds demanded and provided to the States for increasing production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses under the Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): State-wise details of rate of production (yield) of oilseeds and pulses during each of the last three years and the current year, i.e., 2010-11 to 2013-14 are given in Annexure-I
- (b) & (c): Year-wise demand of oilseeds has not been projected. However, details of estimated production vis-a-vis projected demand of foodgrains and pulses for 2012-13 are given as under:-

(Million tones)

Crop	Projected Demand	Estimated Production
Foodgrains	242.00	255.36
Pulses	19.00	18.45

4tn Advance Estimates.

It may be observed that while the production of pulses during 2012-13 is marginally lower than the projected demand for the year, production of foodgrains is in excess of their demand.

The production and productivity of pulses and oilseeds in the country is comparatively lower due to uneven distribution of rainfall, dependence on monsoon, small & fragmented land holdings, improper nutrient & pest management, low use of good quality seeds, lack of adequate agricultural machinery and low adoption of improved package of practices, etc.

(d): In order to increase production and achieve self sufficiency in 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), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM), etc. through State Governments. Under NFSM, an Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) in the form of block demonstrations has been started in 16 pulses growing States of the country to take up active propagation of key technologies for improving productivity of pulses.

(e): State-wise details of funds allocated/released under the Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) during 2010-11 to 2013-14 are given in Annexure-II.