

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESEARCH ON PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects undertaken by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to strengthen the basic research in pulses for development of location-specific pulses in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the achievements made thereunder, so far;
- (b) the achievements of the other schemes/programmes being undertaken by the Government to increase the yield of pulses in the country; and
- (c) the benefits accrued/likely to accrue to the farmers from these researches/schemes/programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has undertaken several projects to strengthen basic and strategic research in pulses at Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR), Kanpur as listed in Annexure-I. The information so developed is being utilized by four All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) on Pulses to develop location-specific climate resilient crop varieties and production technologies. A total of 68 high yielding varieties of different pulses crops were released besides other achievements during the last four years ending 2013 as given in Annexure-II.

(b) In order to increase the yield of pulses in the country, the Government has undertaken several schemes/programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM) on Pulses, Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P), Development of 60,000 pulses and oilseeds villages and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana. As a result of these measures taken by the Government, the total production of pulses in India has increased from 14.57 million tonnes in 2008-09 to highest ever 18.45 million tonnes in 2012-13. The productivity has also increased from 659 kg/ha in 2008-09 to 699 kg/ha in 2011-12.

(c) The research schemes/programmes of ICAR as well as the Government are helping the farmers in increasing productivity of pulses thereby increasing their farm incomes. An overall increase in the production of pulses in the country during the last three years has been accomplished through better technical know-how to farmers; availability of high yielding varieties of pulses; availability of good quality seeds; availability of subsidized farm inputs and better storage and infrastructural facilities.