

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the item-wise facilities in regard to seeds, equipments, production etc. provided to States under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM);
- (b) the financial assistance provided under ISOPOM during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (c) the extent to which the production of aforesaid items has been increased; and
- (d) the other measures taken by the Union Government to increase the production of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Assistance is provided to the States/Implementing Agencies for several components under the Scheme for production and purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation and certified seed, distribution of certified seed, development of seed infrastructure, seed minikits, block, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and frontline demonstration, plant protection chemicals, weedicides, Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (NPV), rhizobium/phosphate solubilising bacteria culture, gypsum/pyrite/lime, sprinkler sets, micro-nutrients, farm implements, irrigation pipes, trainings, publicity, staff and contingency etc. Further under the Oilpalm Development Programme of ISOPOM, assistance is provided to the States for planting material, maintenance of existing plantation during gestation period, drip irrigation system/ diesel pump-set, training, publicity, staff and contingency etc.

(b): Details are at Annexure.

(c): The production of oilseeds has increased from 10.83 million tonnes in 1985-86 to 28.15 million tonnes in 2008-09 (IVth Advance Estimate). Production of pulses has increased from 12.86 million tonnes in 1989-90 to 14.66 million tonnes in 2008-09 (IVth Advance Estimate) and the production of maize has also increased from 9.53 million tonnes in 1995-96 to 19.28 million tonnes in 2008-09 (IVth Advance Estimate). New plantation of oil palm has been taken up in an area of 95959 hectares (estimated) from 2004-05 to 2009-10 (upto, September, 2009).

(d): In order to enhance production of oilseeds, pulses, maize and oil palm, the Government of India is implementing other schemes also viz; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). NFSM provides assistance for pulses in 171 districts of 14 States. MMA Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds, pulses and maize development to the States not covered under ISOPOM. The States can take up crop development activities approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State under RKVY.