

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN AREA UNDER GROUNDNUT AND SUGARCANE CULTIVATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the area under soyabean, groundnut and sugarcane cultivation during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the target set in this regard, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to achieve the said targets?

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) to (c): In order to enhance production of oilseeds, the Government of India is implementing various schemes viz; Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). ISOPOM is implemented in 14 major oilseeds growing States to increase the production of oilseeds including soybean and groundnut. The Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds development to the States not covered under ISOPOM. Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), the States can support crop development activities approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State.

The Government of India is also implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) under MMA in major sugarcane growing States. The State-wise targets for production of soybean, groundnut and sugarcane during 2009-10 are at Annexure.