

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OILSEEDS PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of various oilseed crops like mustard, soyabean, etc., the area under oilseeds cultivation and its yield per hectare during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the per hectare yield of oilseeds in India is lagging behind the international average;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost oilseeds production and productivity?

Answer

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

- (a): The details of production, area coverage and yield of oilseeds during the year 2006-07 to 2009-10 are given in Annexure.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The yield of oilseeds in India for 2007-08 has been estimated at 1115 kg/hectare. Against this, as per reports of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World average yield of oilseeds during 2007 stands at 1628 kg/hectare.
- (d): In order to boost production and productivity of oilseeds, pulses, oilpalm and maize in the country, the Government of India is implementing an Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds & pulses growing States, 15 maize growing states and 12 oil palm growing States.

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, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, training, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow these crops.

Further, information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers is disseminated through block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management demonstrations organized by State Department of Agriculture and Front Line demonstrations through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).