

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF GRAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been constant decline in the production of gram in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase production of gram in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Production of Gram in the country has been generally increasing and its production has gone up from 7.48 million tonnes in 2009-10 to 9.53 million tonnes in 2013-14. In order to further increase production of pulses including Gram in the 12th Plan Period, the Government is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses in 622 districts of 27 States. Under the above Scheme, the focus is on cropping system approach instead of individual crop with interventions in terms of improved technologies i.e. need-based inputs, crop-based cropping systems, cluster demonstration of quality seeds, enhancing farm efficiency through improved agronomic practices such as line sowing, soil amendments, integrated nutrient management, integrated pest management, water use efficiency tools, farm machineries & implements etc. Further, to increase production of rabi/ summer pulses including Gram, a program on additional area coverage during rabi/summer 2014-15 has also been launched in 15 States of the country.