

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Sowing areas under Pulses and Oilseeds

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sowing areas under pulses and oilseeds in some major growing States viz. Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have increased during the current year as compared to the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to increase the acreage and production of pulses and oilseeds to check the price of pulses and its import in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The area sown under pulses and oilseeds in major growing states like Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh has increased during current Kharif season 2015 as on 09.07.2015 compared to corresponding period of Kharif season 2014. The higher coverage under pulses and oilseeds is mainly attributed to timely onset of monsoon/pre-monsoon rains in pulses & oilseeds growing areas of these States during kharif 2015. As per the reports from the States, the area sown under pulses and oilseeds in major growing States during current Kharif, 2015 as on 09.07.2015 and corresponding period of Kharif 2014 is at Annexure-I.

(c): To increase area, production and productivity of pulses, Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 27 States. Under NFSM, assistance is provided for supply of critical inputs like distribution of certified seeds, micro-nutrients, biofertilizers, plant protection chemicals & weedicides etc. Assistance is also given for plant protection

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equipments, farm implement, water distribution and water saving devices like pumpsets, irrigation pipes, sprinkler sets & raingun etc. The scheme also provides support for transfer of technology through cluster demonstration on improved technology, trainings & support for local initiatives.

Similarly, to enhance area, production and productivity of Oilseeds, Government of India is also implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) from 2014-15 in 25 States. Under this scheme, incentive/subsidy is provided on distribution of certified seeds, bio-fertilizers, pesticides, sprayers, farm implements, sprinklers, seed storage bins etc. Assistance also provided for transfer of latest production technologies to farmers/extension workers by organizing block demonstrations, Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and trainings to farmers and extension workers.

Government of India has enhanced Minimum Support Price (MSP) of pulses & oilseeds for kharif marketing season (KMS) 2015-16 as under:

(MSP : in Rs. per quintal)

Kharif Pulses 2014-15 2015-16

Arhar 4350 4425+ 200 as bonus

Moong 4600 4650+ 200 as bonus

Urad 4350 4425+ 200 as bonus

Kharif Oilseeds

Groundnut 4000 4030

Sunflower 3750 3800

Soybean (Yellow) 2560 2600

Sesamum 4600 4700

Nigerseed 3600 3650

