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Decline in Production of Pulses

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of pulses has declined in the country over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including target set for the production of pulses in the country during each of the last three years and the achievements made thereof, State and crop-wise, along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of fund earmarked, released and utilised to boost the production of pulses under the Accelerated Pulse Production Programme during each of the last three years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government for sustained growth in the production of pulses to meet the growing demand in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) & (b): Total production of pulses in the country increased from 17.09 million tonnes in 2011-12 to a record level of 19.25 million tonnes in 2013-14. However, due to erratic rainfall conditions leading to decline in area coverage and productivity, total production of pulses during 2014-15 has declined to 17.38 million tonnes (3rd Advance Estimates). State-wise details of targets and estimated production of major pulses during 2011-12 to 2013-14 are given in Annexure-I.

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(c) & (d): In order to maintain sustained growth in production of pulses, the National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses is being implemented in the country since 2007-08. During 2011-12 to 2013-14 NFSM-Pulses was implemented in 468 districts of 16 States. During 2014-15 and 2015-16, the NFSM-Pulses has been extended to 622 districts of 27 States.

Under NFSM-Pulses, an Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) was introduced in 2010-11. The A3P has been subsumed under NFSM-Pulses from 2014-15 onwards.

In addition to above, for increasing production of rabi-summer pulses through area expansion, a programme on Additional Area Coverage of Pulses was also initiated in rabi-summer 2012-13 in 15 major States of the country. State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized under the A3P and NFSM-Pulses during 2012-13 to 2015-16 are given in Annexure-II.