

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of decline in the production of oilseeds due to plant diseases and insects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the current production of oilseeds is inadequate to meet the demand of growing population in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to address the said issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Production of oilseeds fluctuates depending upon rainfall, as these crops are largely grown under rainfed conditions. Oilseeds production has increased from 29.80 million tonnes in 2011-12 to 32.41 million tonnes during 2013-14 (3rd advance estimates).

(c): The production of oilseeds in 2012-13 was 30.94 million tonnes as against the requirement of 66.55 million tonnes and therefore, has not been able to meet the demand of the growing population in the country.

In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds, Government of India has launched the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm in 2014-15 in the country.