

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF SOYABEAN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the production and productivity of soyabean has declined in some parts of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to develop modern technique to increase production and productivity of soyabean in the country including Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to impart training to the farmers engaged in the cultivation of soyabean; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): State-wise production and productivity of Soyabean in the country during last three years and current year i.e. 2011-12 to 2014-15 have witnessed mixed trends. State-wise details of production and productivity of Soyabean during the above period are given in the Annexure.

(c): To increase production and productivity of oilseed crops including soyabean through an integrated and comprehensive approach, Mini Mission-I under National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is being implemented from the 2014-15 in 23 States, including Maharashtra.

In order to increase productivity of soyabean, the farmers are provided support of modern technologies like improved varieties, ridge-furrow methods of planting, effective water management, application of bio- fertilizers including seed treatment with Rhizobium and mechanization, inter-cropping of soyabean with cereals/pulses, etc.

During 2014-15, NMOOP is being implemented in 21 districts of Maharashtra which specially cover major soyabean area.

(d) & (e): To bring awareness among the farmers regarding new technology, NMOOP also envisages provision for Farmers' Training including training on soyabean. Farmers' Field Schools are also supported under Mini Mission-I NMOOP.

In addition, the Government is also implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms" which envisages various extension activities such as Farmers' Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and Setting up of Farm Schools. Through these activities, latest agriculture technologies are disseminated to farmers of the country including those engaged in the cultivation of soyabean.