

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF PULSES .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that production of pulses in the country has been going down for the past several years ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures Government is planning to take to improve the production of pulses in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 128 FOR 27/11/2009 REGARDING DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF PULSES.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Production of pulses has increased from 13.13 million tonnes in 2004-05 to 14.66 million tonnes during 2008-09. The year wise details of pulses production is as follows: Production (in million tonnes) 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 13.13 13.39 14.20 14.76 14.66

(c): In order to meet the increasing demand of pulses, Government of India has been promoting pulses development through various central schemes for enhancing the production and productivity of pulses in the country. At present two major Schemes namely Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) and National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-pulses programme are being implemented in 14 major pulses growing states of the country covering about 97.5% pulses area in the country. Under these schemes farmers are provided incentives for purchase of high yielding certified seeds, demonstration of improved production technology, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) including micronutrients, gypsum, lime; farm implements such as zero tillage, rotavators crop planters, weeders etc. and water lifting and moisture saving devices which would help in production enhancement. Besides, under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme (Revised), assistance is also provided for pulses development to the States which are not covered under ISOPOM through National Food Security Mission. Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana also additional central assistance is provided to the states for creation of infrastructure, agriculture development which are essential to catalyse higher crop production including that of pulses. Contd....2/-

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Financial allocation for pulses development programmes has increased from Rs.287.19 crores in 2007-08 to nearly Rs. 615 crores in 2009-10 under Government of India schemes. Out of these, the allocation of funds under NFSM-Pulses was increased from Rs.209.24 crores during the initial year of implementation (2007-08) to an amount of Rs.539.40 crores during the current year (2009-10).

Minimum support price (MSP) of the pulses crops especially of arhar, urad, moong, gram and masur have been increased from around Rs.1400/- per qtl. in 2005-06 to around Rs.2500/- per qtl in 2009-10 to incentivise the farmers.