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ANSWERED ON
SHORTAGE OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of agricultural products in the country, specially pulses and oilseeds;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon;
- (c) whether Government has implemented special schemes in the country to increase the produce of these products; and
- (d) if so, the amount spent on those schemes since 2004-05 till date and the time-limit to make the country self-reliant?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. There is no shortage of agriculture products as such in the country. However, shortfall in domestic production in case of pulses and oilseeds is met from the imports. Vigorous efforts through various crop development schemes are on for enhancing the production of pulses and oil seeds in the country.

Presently, two major schemes namely Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize (ISOPOM) for oilseeds development and National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM- Pulses) for pulses development are being implemented. Besides, assistance is also provided for pulses and oilseeds development in the states under revised Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme.

A new initiative, "Integrated Development of Sixty thousand Pulses and Oilseed Villages" has been launched from 2010-11 with a budget outlay of Rs 300 crores in major pulses and oilseeds producing states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for enhancing the production of pulses and oilseeds in rainfed areas on watershed management basis.

In addition, a new initiative -Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) has also been launched as a part of NFSM-Pulses from 2010-11. Under "Accelerated Pulses Production Programme, one million hectare of potential pulses areas for the major pulses crops - Tur, Urad, Moong, Gram and Lentil have been taken up for large scale demonstration of technology in compact blocks.

Similarly, Pulses and oilseed development is also promoted as a part of new initiative of - "Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern States" which has got an overall allocation of Rs 400 crores during 2010-11. This programme is being implemented in the States of Assam, UP, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and Chhattisgarh.

Financial Release for Pulses and Oilseeds Development programme since 2004-05 to till date are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	ISOPOM	NFSM (pulses)+A 3P	60000 pulses and oilseed villages	Bringing green revolution to eastern India
2004-05	246.48	-		
2005-06	273.31	-		
2006-07	302.55	-		
2007-08	343.45	105.59		
2008-09	399.78	287.29		
2009-10	451.29	387.67		
2010-11	379.71	480.17	150.00	200.02