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TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

PRODUCTION OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS IN THE COUNTRY

357. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the production of pulses and oilseeds in the country;
- (b) whether the production of pulses and oilseeds has been increasing;
- (c) if so, the total increase in production of these crops during the last two years; and
- (d) whether Government is providing financial assistance to the farmers to encourage the production of pulses and oilseeds, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): As per the 4th Advance Estimates of 2021-22, the production of pulses and oilseeds is 27.69 million tonnes and 37.69 million tonnes respectively. The production of pulses increased from 23.03 million tonnes to 27.69 million tonnes and oilseeds increased from 33.21 million tonnes to 37.69 million tonnes during 2021-22 compared to 2019-20.

(d) The National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses programme is being implemented in 28 states and 2 Union Territories (i.e, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) and NFSM-Oilseeds in 25 states and 3 Union Territories (i.e, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Puducherry) of the country. The assistance is being provided to the farmers through state governments on latest crop production technologies, distribution & production of new varieties of pulses & oilseeds, integrated nutrient and pest management techniques, farm implements, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings etc. Further, seed minikits of high yielding varieties of pulses and oilseeds are provided free of cost to the farmers. Under NFSM-oilseeds, assistance is also given on the purchase of breeder seed and production of foundation seeds.
