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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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ANSWERED ON 01/08/2025

ENHANCEMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER NMEO-OP

1449. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry plans to enhance financial assistance under the Area Expansion Programme of Oil Palm in Odisha under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), considering the low rates at present; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), financial assistance is being extended to oil palm farmers across the country, including Odisha, for various components such as planting material, maintenance/management, intercropping in oil palm fields, installation of drip irrigation systems, machinery support, and replanting of old gardens. In addition, a price assurance mechanism in the form of Viability Gap Payment (VGP) has been introduced to safeguard farmers against price fluctuations and ensure remunerative returns. A statement showing the component-wise financial assistance norms under NMEO-OP is placed at *Annexure-I*.

At present, there is **no proposal under consideration** to enhance the financial assistance rates under the Area Expansion Programme in Odisha.

Rate of Assistance of Various components under NMEO (OP)

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1	Planting Material	For purchasing of planting material, during 1st year, ₹ 20,000/ha for indigenous & ₹ 29,000/ ha for imported seedlings (including transport cost) will be provided to the farmers for entire land holding.														
2	Management upto gestation period (4 yrs)	During gestation period for 4 years, ₹ 42,000/ha will be provided to farmers in General States & ₹ 50,000/ha for NER (North East Region)														
3	Inputs for intercropping															
4	Establishment of Seed Gardens and Seed Nurseries	One-time assistance as subsidy for necessary infrastructure & setting up of new seed garden (capacity 10.00 lakh seedlings per year) having at least 15 ha area will be provided as per table given below: i. ₹ 80.00 lakh for ROI and ₹ 100.00lakh for NER ii. For nursery, ₹ 40.00 lakhs for RoI and ₹ 50.00 lakhs for NER														
5	Drip irrigation	As per Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) norms														
6	Bore well/ Pump set/water harvesting structure/ Vermi compost unit	As per Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) guidelines Solar pumps: As per Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) norms														
7	Harvesting tools	Assistance as under <table><tr><th>Tools</th><th>₹ per unit</th></tr><tr><td>Cutter</td><td>2500</td></tr><tr><td>Wire Mash</td><td>20000</td></tr><tr><td>Motorized chisel</td><td>15000</td></tr><tr><td>Potable ladder/polls</td><td>5000</td></tr><tr><td>Chaff Cutter</td><td>50000</td></tr><tr><td>Tractor with trolley</td><td>200000</td></tr></table>	Tools	₹ per unit	Cutter	2500	Wire Mash	20000	Motorized chisel	15000	Potable ladder/polls	5000	Chaff Cutter	50000	Tractor with trolley	200000
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8	Custom hiring centre cum Harvester Groups	Custom hiring centre cum FFBs harvester group by processors/ State/ SHGs/ FPOs/ Registered societies will be created in each state One time grant for ₹ 25.00 lakh per unit for equipment, tools, training, contingencies, maintenance etc.														
9	Farmers & Officers training	Farmers Training included Input dealer: ₹ 30000/- per training for a batch of 30 farmers for 2 days (@ 500/- per participant per day). Officers training ₹ 40000/- per training for a batch of 20 officers for 2 days. (@ ₹ 1000/- per participant per day).														
10	Replanting of old oil palm garden	After 25-30 years of age one time grant 50% of the cost @ ₹ 250/- per plant (uprooting, replacing, and digging of new pit) will be provided for replanting of old gardens.														
11	R&D and Centre of Excellence	Need based support to ICAR/SAUs/CAU														
