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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 663
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05/12/2025

**BOOST IN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF PULSES TO REDUCE IMPORT
DEPENDENCE**

663. SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to boost domestic production, lessen import dependence, and pave the way for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in the pulses sector;
- (b) whether Government has launched the 'Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission' to address the challenges of low productivity and import dependence;
- (c) whether the Mission will motivate more farmers to shift towards pulse cultivation from other less sustainable crops;
- (d) whether sufficient awareness and training are being provided to farmers to adopt pulse cultivation;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the targeted time frame for achieving self-sufficiency in pulse production?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (f): The Government has launched a centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses' in October, 2025 aimed at boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency (Aatmanirbharta) in pulses over a six-year period, from 2025-26 to 2030-31, with a financial outlay of Rs. 11,440 Crore.

The objective of the Mission is to enhance pulses production with a special focus on Tur, Urad, Masoor, promoting production and availability of climate resilient seeds for farmers, Increase area under pulses cultivation, promote post-harvest storage and management technology. The Mission also supports for assured procurement of Tur, Urad, Masoor by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) for next four years as per the norms of Price Support Scheme (PSS) under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA). It is envisioned under the Mission for promotion of productive land use through horizontal and vertical expansion of pulses into underutilized and competing crop areas, increasing overall land productivity, encouraging sustainable crop rotations, and improving soil health. It is targeted under the Mission to reach total pulses production by 350 lakh tonnes by the end of 2030-31 to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses.

Further, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE), which aims at making extension system farmer driven by way of new institutional arrangements for technology dissemination in the form of an Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) at district level to operationalize the extension reforms including trainings.
