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IMPLEMENTATION OF NMEO-OP

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

- (a) whether Government has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) with the objective of increasing oilseeds production in the country and achieving self-reliance in edible oils;
- (b) if so, the details of the Mission, its objectives/targets, timeline for its implementation and funds released to all States thereunder;
- (c) the total budget allocated for NMEO-OP for the period from 2024-25 to 2030-31; and
- (d) the additional steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to promote indigenous oilseeds varieties, reduce dependence on imported hybrid seeds and make the country self-reliant in oilseeds production?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils–Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of increasing the area and productivity of oil palm and thereby enhancing domestic production of edible oils and reducing dependence on imports. The Mission was launched in 2021-22 with a financial outlay of Rs. 11,040 crore, including a Government of India share of Rs. 8,844 crore, and a target of bringing 6.5 lakh hectares under oil palm cultivation during 2021-22 to 2025-26.

The Mission is being implemented in 15 States, (Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Tripura). The major interventions under NMEO-OP include assistance for planting material, maintenance of plantations, intercropping, drip irrigation, farm machinery, replanting, establishment of seed gardens and nurseries, and development of oil palm processing infrastructure, besides a price assurance mechanism for farmers through the Viability Gap Payment (VGP).

During 2021-22 to 2025-26, a total area of 2.73 lakh hectares was brought under oil palm cultivation. During the same period, Government of India released Rs. 1,447.21 crore to the implementing States under various components of the Mission.

(c): The NMEO-OP was approved for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 11,040 crores. Subsequently, Annual Action Plans (AAPs) of 2026-27 for implementing states have been approved for Rs. 1143.9 crore.

(d): In addition to NMEO-OP, the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) was launched on 3rd October, 2024 for seven years period from 2024-25 to 2030-31 to boost the domestic oilseed production and to strive toward self-sufficiency in edible oil. Under the mission, production of improved indigenous varieties and hybrids of oilseeds are being promoted through 100% support for purchase of breeder seeds and also promoted through distribution of certified seeds in the Value Chain Clusters. 60 Seed Hubs & 50 specialized seed storage units have been sanctioned for production of Breeder Seed of recently released varieties.
