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TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER NMEO-OP

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

- (a) the area expansion under National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) in the year 2025-26 and the targets and achievements regarding crude palm oil production;
- (b) the main reasons for the gap between targets and achievements and the steps taken to increase productivity;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to amend the Viability Gap Payment (VGP) Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the production targets and proposed improvements for the period from 2026-27 to 2029-30?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Under the National Mission on Edible Oils–Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), during 2025–26, a total of 84,101 hectares was brought under oil palm cultivation. The target for Crude Palm Oil (CPO) production during 2025–26 was 11.20 lakh tonnes. Against this target, 4.96 lakh tonnes of CPO was produced.

(b): The gap between the targets and achievements is primarily attributable to the long gestation period, farmers' preference for competing crops, fragmented landholdings, and infrastructure and logistical constraints, particularly in the North Eastern States.

To address these challenges and enhance productivity, the Government is providing assistance for production and distribution of quality planting material, maintenance of plantations, intercropping, drip irrigation and replanting. The Mission also promotes improved cultivation practices, strengthens extension services and capacity building of farmers, implements the Viability Gap Payment (VGP) mechanism to ensure remunerative prices to farmers, and leverages digital monitoring tools for effective implementation and real-time monitoring of the Mission.

(c): No sir.

(d): Till date, 6.65 lakh hectares has been covered with oil palm plantations. Additionally, in 2026-27, as per Annual Action Plan (AAP) of states, area expansion target is 1.19 lakh hectares. When area under oil palm reaches full maturity, it is expected that CPO production will be 17.29 lakh tonnes by 2029-30.
