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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 291
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH JULY, 2017

FUNDS FOR CULTIVATION OF PULSES

291. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is committed to increase the production of pulses in the country under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked and released to the States; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to increase awareness among the farming community with regard to cultivation of pulses?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs.1720.00 crores (Government of India Share) has been earmarked for National Food Security Mission (NFSM), out of which an amount of Rs.834.71 crores has been allocated, so far, for NFSM-Pulses to States for increasing the production of pulses in the country. An amount of Rs.169.28 crores has been released so far to States for implementation of the pulses programme.

(c): In order to create awareness among the farming community with regard to cultivation of pulses, Government of India has been taking steps like organization of cluster/cropping system based demonstrations on latest crop production technology, cropping system based training, etc. through State Governments and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Besides, seed production of pulses through seed-hubs has also been taken up by ICAR Institutes/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)/State Agricultural Universities (SAUs).
