

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5931**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2018

**MICRO IRRIGATION**

5931. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE किशान कल्याण का विषय में  
be pleased to state:

- whether it is true that the Government is considering to bring about 4.8 million hectares of farmland under micro irrigation, if so, the details thereof;
- whether it is also true that the Government is considering to promote cultivation of oil palm in wastelands by increasing area of cultivation, if so, the details thereof;
- whether it is also true that the Government is considering to increase the pulse production to 24 million tonnes by 2019-20; and
- if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

किशान कल्याण का विषय में ( SHRI  
PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- Group of Secretaries for Agriculture has recommended a target of 10 million hectares of farmland under coverage of Micro irrigation in 5 years starting from 2017-18. The target for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20 is 4.8 million ha. During the year 2017-18 the target is 1.2 million ha and targets for 2018-19 & 2019-20 are 1.6 and 2.0 million ha respectively.
- Government of India is promoting oil palm cultivation on farmland including wasteland under National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP). Currently an area of 3.00 lakh ha is under oil palm cultivation and it has been targeted to cover additional 75000 ha under oil palm by 2020.
- & (d): The Government has given top priority to increase production of pulses in the country through area expansion and productivity enhancement. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is being implemented to increase production of rice, wheat and pulses. The mission targets production of 26 Million Tonnes of pulses by 2019-20.

