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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4865
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD JULY, 2019

FACILITIES AND SCHEMES FOR PRODUCTION OF PULSES

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

- (a) the types of facilities and the schemes under which farmers of Maharashtra are being given facilities for farming of pulses;
- (b) the amount earmarked to promote farming and to increase the production of pulses alongwith the amount utilized during the last three years for the said purpose;
- (c) the area of land on which farmers in Maharashtra are growing pulses along with the area of land in percentile terms in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government to increase the production of pulses in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): In order to increase the production and productivity of pulses in the State of Maharashtra, National Food Security Mission (NFSM) -Pulses is being implemented since 2007-08 Under this programme, assistance to the farmers is given for cluster demonstration on improved package of practices, demonstration on cropping system, seed distribution and seed production of high yielding varieties, farm machineries including resources conservation, sprinkler and water carrying pipes, plant protection measures (plant protection chemicals, weedicides, bio-agents) micro-nutrients management, bio-fertilizers, soil ameliorants (lime, gypsum), cropping system based training of farmers and need based local initiatives .

Details of funds earmarked and utilized for promoting pulses production in Maharashtra during last three years is as under:

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in lakh)	
	Funds Available (central + state Share) (60:40)	Funds Utilized (central + state Share) (60:40)
2016-17	19856.62	19217.16
2017-18	20713.45	18726.87
2018-19	17158.32	14301.14
2019-20	18298.94	-

The pulses are grown mostly under rainfed condition covering Nasik, Pune, Kolhapur, Aurangabad, Latur, Amravati and Nagpur divisions during Kharif and Rabi season. As per 3rd Advance Estimate, 2018-19, Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), total sown area under pulses is 289.0 lakh ha, out of which 35.1 lakh ha area was sown in Maharashtra which is about 12.15%.
