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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST 2021

NATIONAL MISSION ON OILSEEDS AND OIL PALM

3587 DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

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

- a) whether the Government is implementing the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm to increase the production of oilseeds in the country;
- b) If so, the details thereof and whether the Government has been able to achieve the target of increasing the production of oilseeds since inception of the mission and if not reasons therefor;
- c) The projected requirement of oilseeds in the country at present and the total sowing area of oilseeds;
- d) Whether the Government has taken any step to increase the sowing area of oilseeds and if so, details thereof; and
- e) The challenges faced by the Government to meet the production target of oilseeds to curtail its import?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) was launched in 2014-15 and subsumed with National Food Security Mission (NFSM) as NFSM(OS&OP) from 2018-19 and continuing during 2021-22 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with sharing pattern of 60:40 for General States, 90:10 for North-Eastern and Hill States and 100% for Union Territories.

The production of oilseeds which was 275 lakh tons in 2014-15 increased to 365.7 lakh tons in 2020-21 as per 3rd Advance Estimates. Similarly, the area under oilseeds cultivation increased from 256 lakh hectares in 2014-15 to 288 lakh hectares in 2020-21 as per 3rd Advance Estimate.

(c): The target of production for oilseeds for 2021-22 has been fixed for 384 lakh tonnes. During 2020-21, the area sown under oilseeds is 288 lakh hectares (3rd

Advance Estimate) and during the current year (2021-22), an area of 173.50 lakh hectares has been covered under oilseeds during Kharif 2021 (as on 6.8.2021).

(d) & (e): For NFSM (oilseeds), interventions such as purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation and certified seeds, distribution of certified seeds, plant protection equipments and chemicals, distribution of Gypsum/pyrite/lime/single super phosphate, Nuclear Poly Hydrosis Virus, Supply of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, pipes for carrying water from source to the field, integrated pest management, farmers, officer's and extension worker's training are undertaken. Newly released high yielding varieties of oilseeds are also distributed through the oilseeds minikit programmes to the farmers. Further transfer of technology through Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) and Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs) are done at farmer's field through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)/ Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs).

During Rabi 2020-21, a special programme on Rapeseed & Mustard was implemented as a result of which the production has reached to 99.80 lakh tons in 2020-21 (3rd advance estimate) from 91.23 lakh tons of 2019-20. For Kharif 2021, a total of 922935 number of oilseed minikits of high yielding varieties of soybean, groundnut and sesame have been allocated for distribution in all the major oilseed growing states. The details are as under;

S. No.	Oilseeds Crop	States and Districts	No of Minikits
1.	Groundnut	7 States & 53 districts	74000
2	Soybean	9 states & 90 districts	816435
3	Sesame	9 states & 50 districts	32500
	Total	-	922935

Due to the above initiatives, the production of oilseeds has increased from 314.59 lakh tons (2017-18) to 365.65 lakh tons (2020-21) respectively, where-as the import of edible oils has decreased from 154.00 lakh tons in 2017-18 to 133.70 lakh tons in 2020-21.
