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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 333
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th JULY, 2022

INADEQUATE 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) whether it is a fact that the country is unable to produce enough pulses to meet its domestic requirement; and
(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The production of pulses has increased from 163.20 lakh tonne in 2015-16 to 277.50 lakh tonne in 2021-22 (3rd Advance Estimates). Increased production of pulses has resulted in decreased import of pulses. During 2021-22, the import of pulses was 27.00 lakh tonne which was 9.7% of domestic production. Thus, the country has reached the stage of near self-sufficiency in terms of pulses production.

Government has taken various steps to enhance production and productivity of pulses in the country. The major steps are as under;

- i) Government is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) - Pulses in 644 districts of 28 States and 2 Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) of the country.
- ii) Assistance is being provided to the farmers on cluster demonstrations, cropping system based demonstrations, seed distribution, seed production, micro-nutrients, soil ameliorants, resource conservation techniques/ tools, water application tools, cropping system based trainings, etc. under NFSM.
- iii) Promotion of intercropping of pulses.
- iv) Promotion of pulses in Rice Fallow Areas.

- v) Certified seed of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs) seed minikits are distributed free of cost to the farmers to enhance production and productivity of pulses in the country.
- vi) Various schemes viz., Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility etc. also promote pulses production.
- vii) For Kharif 2022, enhanced Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Kharif pulses declared to encourage farmers.
- viii) Strengthened Breeder Seed production infrastructure with Research and Development Institutes.
- ix) KVKs to produce certified seeds through seed hubs.
- x) Promoting primary processing and value addition/storage of pulses.
