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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1329
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD DECEMBER, 2024

INITIATIVES TO BOOST PRODUCTION OF PULSES

1329. SMT. DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state;

- (a) the data on the production of pulses in the country during the last five years, including targets set and achieved;
- (b) the specific initiatives and policies introduced to boost pulses production in various States in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh, including budget allocations and implementation timelines;
- (c) the impact of these initiatives on farmers' income and food security, supported by relevant statistics;
- (d) the regional distribution of increased pulses production and measures taken to ensure equitable benefits across different States; and
- (e) the Future plans and targets set for pulses production, including measures taken to prioritise extending credit facilities to pulse producers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

- (a) to (e) : The production of pulses in the country during the last five years, along with targets set is given at table below:

(in lakh Tonnes)

Year	Total Pulses Target	Total Pulses Production
2019-20	263.0	230.25
2020-21	256.0	254.63
2021-22	250.0	273.02
2022-23	295.5	260.58
2023-24	292.5	242.46*

* Final Estimates

The details regarding state-wise pulses production for the last five years has been provided in **Annexure**.

The Department of Agriculture, & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) in all of 28 States including Andhra Pradesh and 2 Union Territories viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with the objective to increase foodgrain production through area expansion and productivity enhancement. Under NFSNM, assistance is given through state governments to farmers for interventions like cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstrations on cropping system, distribution of seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/hybrids, improved farm machineries/resource conservation machineries/tools, efficient water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/soil ameliorants, processing & post-harvest equipments, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc. The mission also provides support to Indian Council of Agricultural research (ICAR) & State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for technology back stopping and transfer of technology to the farmer under supervision of Subject Matter Specialists/Scientists. The allocation under NFSNM-Pulses to Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 2907.00 lakh during 2024-25.

In order to boost pulses production, during the last five years (2019-20 to 2023-24), the ICAR has produced, cumulatively, around 80205 q breeder seed of Pulse crops against total demand of about 62504 q and supplied to various public/private seed agencies for their conversion into certified seed of pulses for the farmers. Besides, the ICAR also augmenting the availability of quality seeds of recently notified varieties of Pulses at 150 district locations, across the country through “seed hubs on pulses” since 2016-17.

Further, the DA&FW implements Price Support Scheme (PSS) which is a component under the PM-AASHA for procurement of notified pulses directly from pre-registered farmers conforming to the prescribed Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms by Central Nodal Agencies through the State level agencies at Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by the Govt. as and when prices fall below the MSP during the harvesting period. The procurement limit under PSS is 25% of the actual production of the commodity for that particular season. However, in case of Tur, Urad and Masur, the existing procurement limit has been lifted for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 under PSS in order to incentivize the farmers for enhancement of domestic production.

Through the above measures it is the endeavor of the government to provide for food and nutrition security.

Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q No.
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Total Pulses Production

State	Production (Lakh Tonnes)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Andhra Pradesh	11.67	10.95	10.54	10.76	8.23
Arunachal Pradesh	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15
Assam	1.06	1.09	1.11	1.11	1.68
Bihar	3.34	3.77	3.88	4.14	3.99
Chhattisgarh	2.41	4.48	3.87	4.75	3.65
Gujarat	10.57	18.09	27.01	17.93	15.47
Haryana	0.64	0.73	1.06	0.80	0.37
Himachal Pradesh	0.55	0.60	0.75	0.49	0.49
Jammu And Kashmir	0.44	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.14
Jharkhand	8.15	9.05	8.98	7.61	7.64
Karnataka	21.56	20.65	19.72	17.57	16.69
Madhya Pradesh	41.08	52.95	56.95	62.67	59.74
Maharashtra	37.36	43.21	50.24	46.35	40.08
Manipur	0.25	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.30
Meghalaya	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Nagaland	0.47	0.47	0.30	0.39	0.39
Odisha	4.32	4.31	4.81	4.95	5.47
Punjab	0.29	0.31	0.76	0.33	0.69
Rajasthan	44.97	42.52	40.53	36.17	33.35
Tamil Nadu	6.05	4.72	4.99	5.03	3.86
Telangana	5.49	5.90	5.76	4.97	3.61
Tripura	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.17
Uttar Pradesh	24.47	24.76	26.20	28.43	31.15
Uttarakhand	0.58	0.61	0.64	0.62	0.52
West Bengal	3.85	4.42	3.90	4.51	4.33
Others	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.18
All India	230.25	254.63	273.02	260.58	242.46
