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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 253**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

**MISSION FOR AATMANIRBHARTA IN PULSES**

253. SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:  
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SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, if so, the details of the major research and development initiatives undertaken in Maharashtra under this Mission;
- (b) the names and locations of agricultural research institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and universities in Maharashtra involved in pulses research and technology dissemination under this Mission;
- (c) the total area under pulses cultivation, production achieved and the estimated shortfall, if any, in Maharashtra during the last three years, along with the steps taken to bridge this gap;
- (d) the financial assistance and technical support provided to farmers and research institutions in Maharashtra for promoting pulse cultivation and improving productivity;
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the impact of the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses in Maharashtra in terms of yield improvement, self-sufficiency levels, and reduction in import dependence, and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has undertaken any collaborative efforts with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to strengthen pulses research in Maharashtra; and
- (g) the measures taken by Government to promote adoption of improved pulse varieties and efficient irrigation systems among farmers in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Union Cabinet has approved a centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses' on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025 aimed at boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency (Aatmanirbharta) in pulses over a six-year period, from 2025-26 to 2030-31, with a financial outlay of Rs. 11,440 Crore. The mission is being implemented in 28 States including Maharashtra and 2 UTs viz., Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The objective of the Mission is to enhance pulses production with a special focus on Tur, Urad, Masoor, promoting production and availability of climate resilient seeds for farmers, Increase area under pulses cultivation, promote post-harvest storage and management technology, assured procurement of Tur, Urad, Masoor by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and the National

Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) for next four years as per the norms of Price Support Scheme (PSS) under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanrakshHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).

In order to boost production of pulses in the country, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is undertaking strategic research on pulses crops at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur and its four regional stations at Bhopal, Dharwad, Bikaner and Khordha and also undertaking applied research through All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Kharif and Rabi Pulses in collaboration with state agricultural universities/research institutes for developing location-specific high yielding varieties and matching production technology packages to enhance productivity and production of pulses.

To carry out applied research on pulses as per the agro-ecologies of the state of Maharashtra, the ICAR is collaborating with four agricultural universities/research institute in the state namely Vasantao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani; Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola; Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri; and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, Mumbai under ICAR's AICRPs on Kharif and Rabi Pulses.

The area, production and yield of total pulses during last three years for all India and Maharashtra state is as under:

State	Area (in lakh ha)			Production (in lakh tonne)			Yield (kg/ha)		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All India	289.01	275.05	277.20	260.58	242.46	256.83	902	881	926
Maharashtra	49.94	44.32	49.87	46.35	40.08	50.35	928	904	1010

Source: UPAg, DA&FW

(d) to (g): The ICAR provided financial assistance to the collaborating partners in Maharashtra to the tune of Rs. 457.5 lakh in 2023-24; Rs. 493.2 lakh in 2024-25 and Rs. 391.8 lakh in 2025-26 till November 2025 under two AICRPs on Kharif and Rabi Pulses for improving productivity production of pulses in the State. Further, 11 Seed Hubs on Pulses are functional in Maharashtra.

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is providing assistance under 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses' for the promotion and distribution of Breeder Seeds and Certified seed of notified varieties, strengthening of seed hubs, demonstrations of latest crop production & protection technologies, seed kits, capacity building, post-harvest infrastructure etc. In order to promote the latest varieties and production technologies, the associated scientists of the universities conduct frontline demonstrations on pulses at the farmers' fields. About 834 frontline demonstrations were conducted at the farmers' fields to assess the yield gap under the AICRPs on Kharif and Rabi Pulses during the last three years (2022-23 to 2024-25). Besides, Kisan Melas, farmer-scientist interactions, farmers' exposure visits are also organized, advisories are issued, and farmer friendly literature are distributed for promotion of pulses in the state.

Further, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) in the Country including Maharashtra from the year 2015-16. During last 10 years (2015-16 to 2024-25) 11.25 lakh ha was covered under micro irrigation in Maharashtra.

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