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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2576
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 2026

IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION FOR ATMANIRBHARTA IN PULSES

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

(a) the details of progress made so far in terms of area expansion, productivity enhancement, and increase in total domestic production under the "Mission for Atmanirbharta in Pulses" implemented in the country for six years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that under this Mission, special efforts have been made to increase the Government procurement of pulses and expand farmers' participation under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) framework in the eastern States, including Bihar and if so, the details of the progress achieved so far; and

(c) whether the Government has assessed the regional disparities existing in the productivity of pulses across various States and if so, the concrete steps being taken by the Government to bridge these gaps and reduce dependency on the import of pulses?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) The Government of India has launched the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses in October, 2025. With a financial outlay of ₹11,440 crore, the Mission aims at boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency (Aatmanirbharta) in pulses over a six-year period from 2025-26 to 2030-31. In India, the production of pulses has increased from 256.83 lakh tons during 2024-25 to 274.09 lakh tons during 2025-26. Similarly, the area under pulses has increased from 277.20 lakh ha to 286.46 lakh ha and the productivity of pulses has increased from 926 kg/ha to 957 kg/ha during the same period. The State-wise area, production and yield of pulses during 2024-25 and 2025-26 is at Annexure-I.

(b) Under Price Support Scheme (PSS) of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), procurement of notified pulses (Arhar, Moong, Urad, Masur & Chana) is undertaken on the request of the State Governments at Minimum Support Price

(MSP) when market prices fall below MSP thus ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their agricultural produce. To encourage domestic production of pulses, the Government is undertaking procurement of Tur, Urad and Masur under the scheme on the request of State Government from pre-registered farmers as much as is offered by them through Central Nodal Agencies, namely the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF). For other pulses, the overall quantity of procurement by Central Government is limited to 25% of the production of the particular pulses in the state for the season. The procurement of pulses undertaken under PSS during 2025-26 for Eastern States is given at Annexure-II.

(c) The productivity of pulses across various States is influenced by a wide range of factors, including soil conditions, level of irrigation, weather, rainfall, temperature, land-holding size, types of seeds being used, manure / fertilizer usage, farming practices etc. In order to enhance the productivity of pulses, under the Pulses Mission, assistance is provided to farmers through the State Governments for various interventions such as production and distribution of newly released, high yielding & climate resilient varieties of seeds, demonstration of crop production technologies, seed kit distribution, capacity building and strengthening of post-harvest infrastructure. Under the Research & Development component of the Mission, financial support is given to promote strategic and adaptive research for improving the production and productivity of pulses.

In addition the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is undertaking basic and strategic research on pulses crops at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur and its regional stations. ICAR is also undertaking applied research through All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on pulses in collaboration with state agricultural universities/research institutes for developing location-specific high yielding varieties and matching production technology packages to enhance productivity potential and production of pulses. As a result, total 473 high yielding climate resilient varieties of Pulses comprising 118 of Gram, 66 of Tur (Arhar), 69 of Mung bean, 62 of Urd bean, 50 of Lentil, 39 of Field pea, 29 of Cowpea, 9 of Horse gram, 9 of Rajmash, 5 of Faba bean, 5 of Cluster bean, 3 of Indian bean, 5 of Moth bean and 4 of Lathyrus have been notified for cultivation in the country during the last 11 years (2014-2025).

Annexure-I

The State-wise Area, Production and Yield of Pulses during 2024-25 and 2025-26 is as under:-

State/UT	Area (Lakh Ha)		Production Lakh Tonnes)		Yield (Kg./Ha.)	
	2024-25	2025-26	2024-25	2025-26	2024-25	2025-26
Andhra Pradesh	11.38	13.88	9.96	15.71	875	1132
Assam	1.71	1.61	1.38	1.29	806	799
Bihar	4.45	4.51	3.91	4.08	879	906
Chhattisgarh	5.28	5.62	4.01	4.24	759	754
Gujarat	13.2	15.52	20.22	23.02	1532	1483
Haryana	0.74	1.04	0.82	0.9	1117	864
Himachal Pradesh	0.3	0.29	0.52	0.48	1739	1679
Jharkhand	8.99	7.28	9.63	7.88	1072	1082
Karnataka	34.08	29.82	18.87	15.65	554	525
Kerala	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	798	901
Madhya Pradesh	44.39	43.34	52.38	53.48	1180	1234
Maharashtra	49.87	49.94	50.35	50.79	1010	1017
Odisha	7.84	10.11	5.16	6.91	659	683
Punjab	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.32	903	925
Rajasthan	54.06	60.32	39.28	44.73	727	742
Tamil Nadu	7.32	6.15	3.63	3.8	496	618
Telangana	3.54	3.32	3.99	3.71	1128	1116
Uttar Pradesh	23.41	27.26	26.31	30.97	1124	1136
Uttarakhand	0.49	0.51	0.48	0.47	977	919
West Bengal	4.33	4.14	4.22	4.31	973	1040
Other States	1.44	1.44	1.36	1.34	944	931
All India	277.2	286.46	256.83	274.09	926	957

Annexure-II

Details of Procurement of Pulses under PSS during 2025-26 in Eastern States:

(As on 09.07.20226)

State	Commodity	Procurement (in MT)	MSP Value (Rs in Crore)	Number of farmers benefitted
Bihar	Masur	2,982.18	20.88	740
Odisha	Moong	14,900.85	130.65	9,490
	Urad	756.00	5.90	312
	Tur	1,354.20	10.83	478

Note: No proposals from Jharkhand, West Bengal and Sikkim have been received for procurement of pulses during FY2025-26.