

Production of pulses

1357. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic production of pulses is short by about 25 per cent and oilseeds by about 50 per cent compared to the domestic demand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such shortfall has caused import of pulses which costs Rs. 30,000 crores annually;

(c) if so, whether Government will initiate action to increase domestic production of oilseeds and pulses to meet the domestic demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) :

(a) As against the projected demand of 18.29 million tonnes of pulses and 49.35 million tonnes of oilseeds in the country during 2009-10, their production is estimated at 14.60 million tonnes and 24.93 million tonnes respectively (4th advance estimates). The estimated production of pulses and oilseeds in the country during 2009-10 is lower by about 20% and 49% respectively as compared to their projected demands.

(b) to (d) The gap between demand and supply of pulses is met through imports. As reported by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGOI&S), the details of import of pulses in the country during the last three years are as under:

Year	Import of Pulses (Rs. in Crore)
2007-08	5374.94
2008-09	6246.40
2009-10	9813.37

In order to increase production and productivity of pulses, Government of India has been implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Pulses in the identified districts of 16 States. From 2010-11, NFSM is strengthened by merger of Pulses component of Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) for ensuring uniformity in implementation.

Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) has been launched under NFSM-Pulses from Kharif, 2010 for demonstration of Production and Protection Technologies on Village Level Compact Blocks for enhanced production of pulses as well as motivating the farmers. Pulses farmers are also provided assistance under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

New initiative of 'Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India' in six eastern States is also focused towards enhancing agricultural production including pulses. Besides, new initiative of 'organizing 60,000 pulses and oilseeds villages' is being implemented in major pulses growing States to supplement the efforts of other schemes in enhancing the pulses production in the dry land areas.

Production and requirement of foodgrains

1358. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimate of total requirement of foodgrains (wheat and rice) for the country for the next three years;
- (b) whether Government has prepared some estimates of amount of foodgrains (wheat and rice) required for the Public Distribution System in view of the proposed Food Security Act; and
- (c) the details of expected foodgrains production (wheat and rice) State-wise, for the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As per the Working Group of Planning Commission for the 11th Five Year Plan, the details of projected demand of rice, wheat and foodgrains for the years 2009-10 to 2011-12 are as under:

Year	Projected Demand (Million Tonnes)		
	Rice	Wheat	Foodgrains
2009-10	94.83	74.26	224.04
2010-11	96.81	75.80	229.12
2011-12	98.79	77.36	234.26