

During 2010-11 and 2011-12 the following amounts are released to the State for providing incentives to the farmers as per the approved action plans:—

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Scheme	2010-11	2011-12*
NFSM Pulses	50.02	23.88
A3P	56.85	22.80
Integrated development of 60000 pulses villages in rainfed areas	51.00	25.48
ISOPOM	54.98	60.00
Oilpalm Area Expansion Programme	—	0.48

*So far only first installments are released during 2011-12.

Seed Village Scheme

2650. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:
SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received District-wise proposals from Government of Gujarat for Seed Village Scheme for development of agro-infrastructure under Central agro-area scheme;

(b) whether these proposals have been approved by Government;

(c) if so, the amount released so far to Mehsana, Patan, Rajkot, Amreli and other districts; and

(d) if not, by when sanction would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (d) Ministry of Agriculture has received proposals for seed village scheme for the entire State of Gujarat including Mehsana, Patan, Rajkot, Amreli and other districts, and also for infrastructure development for Rajkot and Junagadh districts under the scheme "Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds".

An amount of Rs. 4735.942 lakh for seed village scheme has been approved and released to Gujarat State during 2011-12. An amount of Rs. 165 lakh for infrastructure development (Rs. 125 lakh for Rajkot and Rs. 40 lakh for Junagadh) has been approved and Rs. 100 lakh released as first installment during 2011-12. The details are in Statement.

Statement

*Details of funds released under Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for
Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds during 2011-12 **

Sl. No.	Name of implementing agencies	Grants-in-aid released (Rs. in lakh)	
		Seed Village Scheme	Creation of Seed Infrastructure Facilities
1.	Government of Gujarat	1500.000	—
2.	Gujarat State Seeds Corporation Ltd., Gandhinagar	3200.000	100.000
3.	Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari (Gujarat)	24.292	—
4.	Anand Agricultural University, Anand (Gujarat)	11.650	—
TOTAL:		4735.942	100.000

*Upto 11.08.2011.

Reduction in area under agriculture

2651. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area under agriculture cultivation in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the acreage of crop on agriculture land is reducing constantly;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study on the likely impact on the availability of agriculture produce and price stability in the country due to such reduction;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by Government to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) State-wise details of agricultural land/arable land and net sown area for 2008-09 (latest available) are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) No, Sir. As against cultivable land of about 182.39 million hectares in the country, the net area sown has increased from 139.99 million hectares in 2006-07 to 141.36 million hectares in 2008-09 (latest available).