

Crop	Average Annual Growth Rate (%)
Rice	0.74
Wheat	3.21
Jowar	-1.16
Pulses	6.67
Foodgrains	2.90
Groundnut	20.36
Rapeseed & Mustard	2.41
Soyabean	10.46
Sunflower	-13.69
Sugarcane	-0.40
Cotton	11.85
Jute & Mesta	-1.13

#### Implementation of Pulses Villages Scheme

1249. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Budget 2011 had provided funds to establish 60,000 Pulses Villages in the country in order to increase production of pulses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the scheme has been implemented with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For enhancing the production and productivity of pulses, Government of India had provided an amount of Rs. 300.00 crore in the Union Budget 2011-12 under the programme of "Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Village in Rainfed Areas". The programme is being implemented in 11 major pulses growing States Viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu & Uttar Pradesh. The programme provides support for in-situ moisture conservation works; demonstration of production and protection technologies in compact blocks under accelerated pulses production programme and market linked extension support to Small Farmer Agri-business Consortium (SFAC) for setting up of Farmers Producer Organisations (FPO). Out of 300.00 crore allocated during 2011-12, an amount of Rs. 164.05 crore (till 28.11.2011) has been released to the States for implementation of the programme.