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21. Tripura
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Decline in production of pulses and oilseeds

†2978. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the scarcity of oilseeds and pulses in the country, it is essential to take steps to increase their production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the schemes run by Government during the last three years to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses; and

(d) the details of the schemes run by Government alongwith the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) In order to address the scarcity and increase production of pulses and oilseeds in the country, the Government of India is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM). National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM and inclusion of two new potential States, namely Assam and Jharkhand for pulses production. In addition to above schemes, Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) has been launched under NFSM-Pulses from Kharif 2010 for demonstrations on production and protection technologies in village level compact blocks for enhanced production of pulses as well as motivating farmers. Besides, 60,000 pulses and oilseeds villages programme was introduced in rainfed areas of 7 major oilseeds and pulses growing States namely; Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh during 2010-11. Under this programme, an amount of Rs.300.00 crores was allocated to the States for custom hiring of tractors and improved farm implements to supplement the pulses and oilseeds production strategies in the country taken under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). During 2011-12, the programme was implemented in 11 major pulses growing States namely; Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to accelerate pulses production through support for in-situ moisture conservation, inclusion of minikits, pests surveillance and market linked extension support.

As a consequence of implementation of these schemes, the production of oilseeds has increased from 24.88 million tonnes in 2009-10 to 31.01 million tonnes in 2011-12 (fourth advance estimates). The production of pulses has also increased from 14.66 million tonnes in 2009-10 to 17.21 million tonnes in 2011-12 (fourth advance estimates).

Assistance to drought affected States

†2979. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States and Union Territories across the country are facing a drought like situation due to weak monsoon this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any Central teams have been sent to these States for appraisal of drought situation; if so, the reports submitted by these teams; and

(d) whether any financial assistance has been provided to these States?

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