

Scheme for increasing oilseed production in Chhattisgarh

†89. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to increase the oilseed production has been formulated by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by Government for increasing the oilseed production in Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Government of India is implementing a centrally sponsored "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize" (ISOPOM), in 14 major oilseeds growing States including Chhattisgarh, with a view to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds.

In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.

An allocation of Rs. 110 lakhs has been made to Chhattisgarh State during 2004-05 to implement oilseeds production programmes.

Distress of farmers in Andhra Pradesh

90. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has apprised the Union Government about the distress of farmers in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of assurances given for assistance in this regard; and

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