

stages, non-availability of certified seeds of new varieties, procurement under Minimum Support Price (MSP) and market linkage are the major issues.

(b) The area under oilseeds, pulses and sugarcane in Maharashtra during last six years is given below:

Year	Area (000' ha)		
	Oilseeds	Pulses	Sugarcane
2010-11	3615	4038	965
2011-12	3667	3273	1022
2012-13	3806	3274	933
2013-14	4148	3953	937
2014-15	4242	3409	1030
2015-16*	4022	3356	987

*4th Advance estimate.

As per the above table, the area under oilseeds is consistently increasing. The sugarcane area is constant, whereas pulses area has slightly decreased.

In order to increase the area, production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, DAC and FW is implementing National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) since 2014-15 and National Food Security Mission (NFSM) since 2007-08. Under both the schemes, assistances are provided for critical inputs, irrigation facilities, field demonstrations, farm mechanization, trainings etc.

Maharashtra Government is producing quality seeds of oilseeds and pulses through FPOs, FPCs and farmers group. Farm ponds and godowns are being promoted through NMOOP and NFSM under flexi funds. Apart from that, Government of Maharashtra is implementing "Jalayukt Shivar" and "Farm ponds on Demand" Schemes. PPP-IAD Projects are implemented to develop market linkage in oilseeds and pulses.

As such, area under oilseeds and pulses in the State of Maharashtra is not being shifted towards sugarcane in recent years.

Aadhaar-based ticket booking mechanism

462. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government aims to introduce Aadhaar-based ticket booking mechanism in Railways; and

(b) the Government's analysis of the challenges in making Aadhaar the basis of booking railway tickets for ordinary passengers, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) At present, no decision has been taken for introduction of Aadhaar-based ticket booking.

Separate safety fund for railways

463. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have sought funds from Ministry of Finance to create a separate safety fund to ensure safety operations in Railways, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of funds sought for and the nature of safety works planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways has requested Ministry of Finance to sanction a non-lapsable "Rastriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh" (RRSK) totaling ₹ 1,19,183 crores, out of which ₹ 1,11,683 crores to be funded by Ministry of Finance for safety improvement of Indian Railways.

The safety related works identified are related to track works, bridge rehabilitation, safety works at level crossing, replacement and improvement of signaling system, improvement and upgradation of rolling stock, replacement of electrical assets and human resource development with approximate fund requirement as under:—

Sl. No.	Item	Approx. Fund (₹ in crore)
1	2	3
1.	Track Works	30032
2.	Bridge Rehabilitation Works	3250
3.	Other safety works for Track Vehicular Ultrasonic Testing System for Rail/Welds etc.	11697
4.	Safety Works at Level Crossing (Elimination of LC, ROB/ RUB/Subway etc.)	43444
5.	S&T Replacement and Improvement Works	10140
6.	Rolling Stock Replacement and Improvement Works	9263.55