

State	Procurement
Gujarat	6493
Himachal Pradesh	460
TOTAL INDIA	30800669

Shifting of farmers towards farming of cash crops

2915. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are shifting from growing oilseeds and pulses to cotton and maize, if so, details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that this shift towards cash crops is because of lower MSPs of oilseeds and pulses in the mandis, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the plans of Government to control this migration which may result in scarcity of oilseeds and pulses; and

(d) the details regarding rejuvenation of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) The status of area of oilseeds and pulses during last three years indicates increasing trend, and as such, no area has been shifted from oilseeds and pulses to cotton and maize. The details of area is given below:

Crops	(Lakh hectares)		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17*
Oilseeds	256.0	260.9	264.7
Pulses	235.5	249.1	292.8

*3rd advance estimates of DES.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Government of India is providing adequate inputs, technical and logistic support to increase area and production of pulses and oilseeds. The major steps under NFSM as well as NMOOP includes age relaxation of varieties/hybrids; enhancement of subsidy on seeds; supply of seed minikits of pulses and oilseeds; water carrying pipes/micro irrigation for improving the water use efficiency; involvement of KVKs in cluster front line demonstrations (FLDs) across the country and setting up of seed hubs for pulses.