

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-673
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/12/2023

**AWARENESS ABOUT NUTRITIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS
OF PULSES**

673. SMT. KANTA KARDAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to spread awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of pulses; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Government of India in association with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutions, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) and States / Union Territories has taken several initiatives to promote pulses including awareness about their nutritional and environmental benefits. The pulses development programme is being implemented under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 28 States and 2 Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh). Under the programme, Government has taken various initiatives such as demonstrations on improved package of practice at farmer's field, pulse cropping system based trainings, distribution of pulses seed minikits including climate resilient and bio-fortified high yielding varieties. State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms (ATMA) increase farmers awareness through farmers training, demonstrations, exposure visits, kisan mela, setting up of farm school etc. Also, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country which promote pulses through number of awareness activities.