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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 481
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2025

SUPPORT TO GROUNDNUT FARMERS IN ODISHA

481. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to support groundnut farmers in Odisha, particularly in the districts of Bolangir, Kalahandi, Nuapada, and Sambalpur for providing better market access;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to promote the establishment of groundnut oil extraction units in Odisha, given the importance of groundnut oil extraction and its potential for export; and
- (c) the measures being taken to enhance the export potential of groundnut oil and other groundnut-based products from Odisha, in order to boost the State's agricultural economy?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The Union Cabinet has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) on 3rd October, 2024 to boost domestic oilseed production over a seven-year period, from 2024-25 to 2030-31. The objective of NMEO-Oilseeds is to enhance the production of key primary oilseed crops including groundnut. As reported by State, the State Govt of Odisha has conducted 6400 hectare groundnut cluster demonstration with an assistance of Rs. 10000/ ha during 2024-25. 11,000 power operated sprayers, plant protection (PP) chemicals for 55,550 ha and 2200 sprinkler sets have been provided to the oilseeds growers including groundnut farmers during 2024-25. Seed production program for producing 4500 qtl groundnut seed have been done under the state plan to meet the seed requirements. In order to support groundnut farmers in Bolangir, Kalahandi, Nuapada, and Sambalpur, under NMEO-Oilseeds, following program was undertaken during 2024-25:

S. No.	District	Groundnut Demonstrations	PP Chemical (in ha)	Equipments (Power) (in Nos)	Farmers Trainings (Nos)	Sprinkler sets (Nos)
1.	Bolangir	300	1200	200	12	60
2.	Kalahandi	0	1000	400	7	80
3.	Nuapada	500	1600	200	16	50
4.	Sambhalpur	200	750	300	8	60

(b) & (c): NMEO- Oilseeds Mission has provision of establishment of oil extraction units at 1/3rd cost of unit or Rs. 9.90 lakh per unit (whichever is lower) under post-harvest infrastructure support for value chain partners in oilseed clusters. As per data of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, 0.44 lakh hectare area in Odisha was under groundnut during 2023-24. NMEO- Oilseeds aims to support increase in area, production and productivity for self- sufficiency in oilseeds.
