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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 95
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2018

PRODUCTION OF PULSES

*95. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण
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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps or proposes to take steps to encourage
the production of pulses in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण ½â"ãè (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 95 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24TH JULY, 2018.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For increasing the production and productivity of pulses in the country, Government of India is implementing National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses) in 638 districts of 29 States of the country. Under this programme, Government has taken various steps/initiatives to encourage the production of pulses in the country as under:

- Increase in number of districts from 468 districts of 16 States in the year 2012-13 to 638 districts of 29 States of the country in 2016-17 under revamped NFSM-Pulses.
- Increase in incentive to Central and State seed producing agencies for certified seed production from Rs. 25/- per kg to Rs. 50/- per kg;
- Increase in assistance for distribution of certified seeds of pulses to the farmers i.e. from Rs. 25/- per kg. to Rs. 50/- per kg;
- Increase in the cost norms of Cluster demonstrations and cropping system based demonstrations from Rs. 7500/- to Rs. 9000/- per hectare and from Rs. 12500 to Rs. 15000/- per hectare respectively;
- Increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Tur (Arhar) from Rs. 5450/- per quintal to Rs. 5675/- per quintal, Moong from Rs. 5575/- per quintal to Rs. 6975/- per quintal , Urad from 5400/- per quintal to Rs. 5600/- per quintal, during Kharif 2018-19;
- Organising Frontline Demonstrations at farmers' fields by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs);
- Distribution of seed minikits of pulses free of cost for popularization of newer varieties amongst the farmers;
- Creation of Seed Hubs at ICAR institutes, SAUs and KVKs to ensure availability of quality seeds of pulses;
- Increase in breeder seed production of pulses through ICAR institutes; creation of buffer stock for pulses; promotion of pulses in Targeted Rice Fallow Areas (TRFA) in Eastern States; and
- Increase in import duty. The duty levied at present is 10% in Tur, 70% in Kabuli Chana, Bengalgram, other Chana, 40% in Lentil and 50% in Peas.
