GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/11/2014

DECLINE IN SOWING OF OILSEEDS

641.   SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that sowing of oilseeds has considerably decreased in Maharashtra and other parts of the country during the current crop season;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether this would adversely affect the production of oilseeds in the country;

(d)   if so, the details thereof; and

(e)   the action Government has taken in the matter?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b):   In Maharashtra, the area coverage under oilseeds during kharif 2014 was higher than normal Kharif area under oilseeds in the State. However, at all India level, kharif coverage of oilseeds was lower than normal kharif area due to late onset of monsoon and drought like situation in various States. Rabi sowing of oilseeds is in progress. The normal and current year area coverage of oilseeds in respect of Maharashtra and all India are given below:-

(lakh hectare)

Year	Maharashtra		All India	
	Kharif	Rabi	Kharif	Rabi
Normal	35.58	3.3	185.8	83.2
2014-15*	39.14	0.4	176.8	54.0

* Area coverage, as on 13/11/2014

(c) & (d):   As per the 1st advance estimates, all India oilseeds production during kharif 2014 is estimated to be 196.64 lakh tonnes against target of 218.30 lakh tonnes. The target of production of oilseeds in rabi season is 111.70 lakh tonnes. Sowing in rabi season is in progress.

The oilseeds production during kharif 2014 in Maharashtra is estimated to be 43.70 lakh tonnes against target of 49.82 lakh tonnes. The target of rabi oilseeds production is 2.68 lakh tonnes.

(e):   To increase production and productivity of oilseeds, National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is being implemented in the country from 2014-15.

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