

country during 2010-11 is about 16.51 million tons as which is an all times record in the country. For ensuring better price to the farmers, the minimum support price of pulses is increased during 2010-11. The increase in MSP compared to last year is Rs.700/- per qtl for Arhar (tur), Rs.410/- for Moong, Rs.380/- for Urd, Rs.340/- for gram and Rs.380/- for Masur (Lentil) per qtl.

(c) and (d) Government of India is implementing National Food Security Mission-pulses in 16 major pulses producing states in country to increase the production and productivity of pulses. Under this programme, massive seed production is being encouraged by providing assistance for production of breeder, foundation and certified seeds, purchase of breeder seeds, distribution of certified seeds. Better water management and water use efficiency is being ensured through provision of assistance to the farmers for purchasing pump sets, sprinkler sets and pipes for carrying water from water sources to the crop fields for increasing the irrigated area of pulses. Under the programme, assistance is also provided to the farmers for Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Farm Implements, technology demonstration, extension support etc under this programme for increased production of pulses.

Under new initiatives of Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Village in Rainfed Areas programme and Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India, asset creation through construction of water ponds, dug wells, shallow tube wells, repair of irrigation channels, micro irrigation for providing life saving irrigation to pulses is being provided highest priority. Besides, Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) was also launched from Kharif, 2010 as a part of NFSM-Pulses for demonstration of Production and Protection Technologies as Village Level Compact Blocks for enhanced production and productivity of pulses as well as motivating farmers for increased investment in promoting pulses production. Other crop development schemes of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) are also being implemented for enhancing agricultural production including that of pulses.

#### **Productivity of pulses**

1729. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether productivity of pulses in the country is at par with that in advanced countries including China;

(b) if not, the productivity compared to that of major countries and the average world productivity; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the productivity of pulses in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) As per the FAO Statistics 2009, the productivity of pulses in India is lesser than the advanced countries including China. The productivity of pulses in the country *vis-a-vis* major pulses growing countries during 2007 was as under:

Sl. No.	Country	Productivity (Kg/ha)
1.	Australia	877
2.	Brazil	833
3.	Canada	1782
4.	China	1310
5.	Ethiopia	1146
6.	India	610
7.	Myanmar	981
8.	USA	1902
	World	775

Source: FAO Statistics, 2009

(c) Government of India has been implementing National Food Security Mission-pulses in 16 major pulses producing States in the country to enhance the production and productivity of pulses in the country.

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