

**Dark zone regions of Gujarat**

3271. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether demand for any special package for Dark Zone Regions of the country has been/is being considered by Government;
- (b) if so, the allocation made under the package to the Dark Zone regions of Gujarat;
- (c) whether the proposal for consideration of separate development board for that regions have been supported by Planning Commission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Ministry of Water Resources is implementing a scheme titled 'Artificial recharge to ground water through Dug Wells' for augmenting ground water resources in seven States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat & Madhya Pradesh, which are predominantly underlain by hard rock formations.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

**Availability of pulses**

3272. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that per capita availability of pulses in the country has declined to 34 Grams from 66 Grams during last five decades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for this sharp decline;
- (d) whether Government has taken any initiatives to encourage cultivation of pulses; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The per capita availability of pulses since 1960 has been as follows:

(Grams per day)

Year	Per capita net availability
1960	65.5
1970	51.9
1980	30.9
1990	41.1
2000	31.8
2010 (P)	31.6

The fluctuations in per capita availability are mainly due to fluctuations in production on account of variations in weather conditions, return on competing crops, increasing population etc.

(d) and (e) In recent years a higher increase in the MSP for pulses, as compared to other crops, has been given in order to incentivise the production of pulses in view of the demand-supply gap.

In addition, the Government implements schemes to increase the production and availability of pulses in the country namely National Food Security Mission— Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) etc.

Production of pulses has increased from 13.39 million tonnes in 2005-06 to 18.09 million tonnes in 2010-11 (4th Advance Estimate).

#### **Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana**

3273. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by Government under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) during Tenth Five Year Plan and Eleventh Five Year Plan so far and which districts have-been covered;

(b) the details of programmes undertaken in Andhra Pradesh under this scheme during the above periods and results achieved so far; and