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Scheme for Research on Oilseeds-Sunflower Zonal Agricultural Research Station, Solapur

1.	Year of Start	: 1979
3.	Contact Details Postal Address Phone No. Fax No. Email Objectives/Mandates	 Chief Scientist, All India Coordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture & Associate Director of Research (NARP), Zona Agricultural Research Station, 97 Raviwar Peth, P.O. Box 207 Near DAV College, Solapur-413 002, Maharashtra, India. 0217-2373209, 0217-2373047 0217-2373209 zarssolapur@rediffmail.com, zarssolapur@gmail.com Development of high yielding, drought tolerant sunflowed varieties or population. Development of early to medium duration, high oil content disease and pest resistant sunflower variety particularly to necrosis and powdery mildew diseases.
4.	Infrastructure Land Instruments	: 77.03 ha Neutron probe, moisture meter, etc
5.	Human Resource : Technical Staff : Non-Technical : Staff	SNDesignationDisciplineRemarks1Assistant ProfessorAgril. BotanyFilled2Jr. Res. Assistants-Agril. BotanyVacantSNDesignationNo of postsRemarks1Agricultural Assistant01Vacant
6.	Research : Achievements	Varieties Released: Sunflower - SS-56, Bhanu, Phule Bhaskar
7.	Ongoing : Research	 Evaluation of promising genotypes of Sunflower. Collection, maintenance and evaluation of sunflower germplasm. Characterization of sunflower Germplasm (60). Maintenance of 20 CMS and Maintainer lines, 15 R lines. Population improvement programme (CMS based recurrent selection) for high yield and high oil content. Conversion to CMS line programme. Morpho-physiological screening of Sunflower genotypes with the help of Rainout Shelter. Treatments: 11+1 © Identification of good general and specific combiner from the promising genotypes.