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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 891**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

**PRODUCTION OF COARSE GRAINS**

891. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:  
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:  
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether efforts are being made by the Government to promote the production of coarse grains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating on a special policy to produce products from millets in Bundelkhand and Uttarakhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

**(a) to (b):** Yes, Sir. In order to promote production of coarse cereals, Government of India is implementing Coarse Cereals development programme under National Food Security Mission-Coarse Cereals to accelerate the production and productivity of coarse cereals like maize & barley. Maize development programme is being implemented in 237 districts of 26 states, 2 Union territories and barley in 39 districts of 4 states including Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The production of coarse cereals (maize & barley) during last 4 years is as under:

## Production in Million Tonnes

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22*
29.35	30.49	33.31	34.98

\*As per 4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimates

**(c) to (d):** In order to promote millet and millet products, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) has been implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 212 Districts of 14 States including Bundelkhand (Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh and Banda, Chitrakoot, Jalaun and Hamirpur districts of Uttar Pradesh) and 9 districts of Uttarakhand since 2018-19. Under NFSM–Nutri Cereals, incentives are provided to the farmers, through the states/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed minikits, publicity through print and electronic media etc. The interventions such as formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for Nutri Cereals, setting up Centers of Excellence (CoE) and seed hubs for Nutri Cereals have also been supported under NFSM.

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