

**Coverage of ERRP**

1264. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the target set for the coverage of Economic Rehabilitation of Rural Poor Programme during the Sixth Plan (State-wise) ;

(b) whether target has been revised in some States;

(c) if so, the original target set for Orissa, revised target set for different districts of Orissa; and

(d) the details of the year-wise coverage made in implementing ERRP programme in the Sixth Plan so far in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATHA MISRA) : (a) to (d) The Economic Rehabilitation of the Rural Poor Programme is a State Scheme being implemented by the State Government in Orissa. The Ministry of Rural Development do not monitor the implementation of this scheme since this is purely a State scheme.

**Diversification of Cropping Pattern.**

1265. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the diversification of existing Cropping pattern;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard in different States;

(c) the schemes under implementation in Orissa for this purpose; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Steps are being taken for diversification of existing cropping pattern in the country. The introduction of High Yielding Varieties Programme from 1966-67 has helped in diversifying the cropping pattern in various States. For example, in Punjab and Haryana traditional kharif crops of maize and bajra have been replaced by high yielding varieties of rice. Similarly, wheat has emerged as a

rabi crop in the traditional rice growing States of West Bengal, Assam, Orissa and other North-eastern States. Groundnut has been introduced as a second crop in the cropping pattern during rabi-summer season in the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. In Madhya Pradesh soyabean in kharif fallows is becoming popular. Cultivation of short duration varieties of moong in summer after oilseeds, sugarcane, potato and wheat, where irrigation exists, as catch crop in Northern States is becoming popular. The Central Sector Schemes of Establishment of Community Nurseries of Rice and Minikit Demonstrations on various crops are helping in diversification of cropping pattern.

(c) and (d) The following schemes are under implementation in Orissa State for helping the farmers to diversify the cropping pattern :

(i) Central Sector Scheme of Establishment of Community Nurseries of Rice-subsidy @Rs. 1500 per ha. ;

(ii) Central Sector Scheme of Minikit Demonstrations of various crops-free distribution of seeds;

(iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of pulses subsidy on certified/truthfully labelled seed, plant protection chemicals/equipments, operational charges, rhizobium culture and demonstrations.

(iv) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Extension of Oilseeds to new irrigated areas-subsidy on demonstrations, minikits, plant protection chemicals and operational charges etc.

In addition to the above, the Government of Orissa has been implementing a scheme entitled "Diversification of Cropping pattern." Under this Scheme the farmers of rainfed areas are being constantly motivated through, the extension agency, to diversify the cropping pattern of the high lands from paddy to other crops such as pulses, oilseeds and millets.

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