

**Guidelines to lay Emphasis on Cultivation of Non-Paddy Crops**

3252. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some directions/guidelines have been issued by Government to various State Governments to lay emphasis on cultivation of non-paddy crops ;

(b) whether State Governments have also show their interest in this regard ;

(c) whether any scheme/programme has been initiated by Union Government for implementing the proposals ; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) The following schemes/programmes have been initiated by Government of India for increased production of non-paddy crops :—

(i) *Central Sector/Centrally sponsored programme of free minikit distribution :—*

Under this programme, a large number of minikits containing seeds of high yielding/improved varieties of cereals, pulses, oilseeds are distributed free of cost to farmers. Besides these, free distribution of seeds of oilseeds and pulses and fertiliser is also made to small and marginal farmers under the small and marginal farmers scheme.

(ii) *Central Sector Scheme of maize demonstration in tribal areas :*

This scheme is in operation in the selected districts of Bihar, Gujarat, M.P., Orissa and Rajasthan. Under this scheme, incentives by way of subsidy on cost of seed, fertiliser and pesticides are provided.

(iii) *Centrally sponsored scheme of pulses development :—*

Under this scheme subsidies are given

to the farmers by way of certified/truthfully labelled seeds, plant protection chemicals, equipments, operational changes and Rhizobium culture. The scheme also covers extension of area under summer moong production programme.

(iv) *National Oilseeds Development Project :—*

This project with a total outlay of Rs. 38 crore during 1984-85 covers seed production, subsidised distribution of quality seeds, plant protection equipment, chemicals and operational charges, minikits and demonstrations, subsidised distribution of phosphatic fertiliser and gypsum for groundnut, subsidy on farm implements and sprinkler sets.

(v) *Centrally sponsored scheme of Intensive Cotton Development in all the nine important cotton growing States :—*

The scheme provides for subsidy on seed, plant protection equipments, spraying and demonstration.

(vi) *Centrally sponsored Intensive Jute/Mesta/Sunhemp Development programme in thirty one selected districts of West Bengal, Bihar, M.P., U.P., Orissa, Assam and Meghalaya :—*

Under this scheme subsidy is provided on improved and certified seeds, plant protection chemicals, demonstrations and retting tanks.

**Export of Wheat**

3253. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is considering to export wheat ;

(b) if so, whether this has been made possible because of the sudden glut of food-grains in the country ;

(c) if so, whether Government are making exercises to explore the possible export outlets in nearby countries ;