

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF SPECIFIC AREA CROP VARIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to promote specific area crop varieties in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether any financial assistance has been made available to each State for implementation of this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. The Indian Council for Agricultural Research has designed and developed All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP) for coordinating and developing location specific crop varieties and technologies for increasing the productivity and production of all important crops namely Wheat, Rice, Pulses, Oilseeds, millets and commercial/cash crops. The above projects are implemented through State Agricultural Universities including National Research Institutes, National Research Centres, Project Directorate of different crops etc. The varieties and technologies so developed are tested at diverse agro-climatic condition before recommending for adoption under specific location.

In addition, in order to promote area specific crop varieties, the Seed Mini-kit programme in respect of Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals, Pulses and Oilseeds are being implemented in various states of the country. Under the programme, pre-released/recently released location specific High Yielding Improved varieties of these crops are demonstrated to popularize their cultivation among the farmers.

A sum of Rs.696 lakh (at RE level) for Seed Mini-kit Programme of Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals has been provided for 2000-2001. The Seed Mini-kit of Pulses and Oilseeds are covered under Centrally Sponsored schemes National Pulses Development Project and Oilseeds Production Programme, respectively. The mini-kits of Pulses and Oilseeds are being supplied through central agencies to the different states as per their requirement. A sum of Rs.800 lakh has been allocated for implementation of this programme during 2000-2001.