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PACKAGE TO FARMERS IN RICE PRODUCING ENTERPRISES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have finalized any package deal to provide agricultural inputs to farmers in the rice producing enterprises;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have identified specific regions in rice belt of the country where the soil is fertile but the productivity is below the potential;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the productivity in these regions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Under Integrated Cereals Development Programme of Rice Based Cropping System, (ICDP-Rice), incentives are being provided for distribution of certified seed, improved bullock drawn/manually operated identified farm implements and power tillers. The scheme has been subsumed into Macro Management Mode of Agriculture alongwith other 26 schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation with effect from October 2000. Under the Macro Management mode of Agriculture the states have been given the flexibility to choose any or all the above mentioned activities as well as undertake any other activities as per their requirements.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): In general the productivity of rice in the eastern states is below the national average and the potential.

(e): In addition to the scheme of Macro Management Mode of Agriculture, a new scheme of On Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India has been launched since March 2002. The scheme is specifically focused for increasing the production and productivity of rice through effective utilization of ground and surface water in eastern region.