

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:735
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2000
PACKAGE FOR AGRICULTURAL INPUTS
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have finalised any package deal to provide agricultural inputs to farmers in rice producing regions;
- (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 AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.735 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17th May, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The areas where soils are fertile but rice productivity is below the potential are located in agro-ecological regions comprising of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Western Ghats in Goa and Kerala and North Eastern Hill region.

(e): Efforts are being made under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme –Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice) to improve the productivity and production of rice in the major rice growing States including Union Territory of Pondicherry. Under the scheme incentives are being provided on the critical inputs, viz. seeds of high yielding varieties/hybrids, farm implements, power tillers and sprinkler irrigation system. Besides, assistance is also being provided for the transfer of technology. Frontline Demonstrations were being carried out to demonstrate the appropriate technology.