

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HYBRID RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any plan under consideration of the Government for increasing the food production;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to popularize the Hybrid Rice as a device for increasing the food production;
- (d) If so, whether any committee has been constituted for the purpose; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to submit its report ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Central Government has been implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Integrated Cereal Development Programme-Rice, Integrated Cereal Development Programme-Coarse cereal and Integrated Cereal Development Programme-Wheat to increase food production. These schemes have been subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture with effect from October 2000 to provide flexibility to states in their implementation. Under the scheme assistance is provided to states based on the work plan formulated by them. Further, a separate Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM)` is being implanted during 10th plan to increase production and productivity of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize in the country.

(c)to(e): Under Integrated Cereal Development Programme-Rice, since subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture, assistance is provided for promotion of Hybrid Rice cultivation also. State Governments are being advised to promote cultivation of Hybrid Rice. A number of seminars/conferences/workshops/Training are also organized by the Government and Indian Council of Agricultural Research etc. to popularize hybrid Rice cultivation in the country. No committee has been constituted by the Government to popularize Hybrid Rice cultivation.