

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government has urged State Governments to take steps to promote food security and step up agricultural production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this matter has been taken up with the States of Gujarat and Chhattisgarh during a meeting held in Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)to(d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has been taking steps to promote food security and step up agricultural production in the country through implementation of various production driven programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize (ISOPOM), that are implemented through the State Agriculture Departments. Ministry has conducted review meetings for finalizing the state action plans of 2009-10 of these agriculture production programmes. The states of Gujarat and Chattisgarh have also participated in the review meetings.

The state action plans under NFSM, MMA, ISOPOM of Chattisgarh and Gujrat have been approved for the year2009-10 along with other States.