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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocations made and expenditure incurred under the National Food Security Mission during each of the last three years and in the current year;
- (b) whether any evaluation about the aims and achievement of the mission has been made;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the number of farmers benefited alongwith the details of the benefits accrued to them?

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): The National Food Security Mission (NFSM) was launched from rabi 2007-08 only. The allocations and releases made under the programme during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (till date) are as under

(Rupees in crores)		
Year	Allocations	Releases
2007-08	398.75	398.73
2008-09	1022.97	883.29
2009-10	1350.00	378.77

(b) & (c): Under the Mission, there is a provision for concurrent evaluation to be carried out every year by the states to assess the performance of the mission commensurate with its objectives. Apart from that, a mid-term evaluation in the 3rd year of Project implementation and Impact evaluation at the end of third year at national level will be undertaken by an independent agency to assess the mission performance which will be due during/after the financial year 2009-10. In addition, regular monitoring of implementation of the programme is being done by District Food Security Mission Executive Committee (DFSMEC) at district level, State Food Security Mission Executive Committee (SFSMEC) at state level. At national level, National Level Monitoring Teams (NLMTs)/Commodity Development Directorates (CDDs) of the Ministry / NFSM Cell's personnel are involved in regular monitoring of the implementation of the mission activities. ICT based monitoring through specialized software is under progress. Besides, programme is also monitored regularly by holding meetings/zonal workshops etc. with the states.

As per the monitoring reports the following significant outcome has been recorded:

In case of wheat, an additional production of nearly 2.8 million tones during 2007-08 and 1.82 million tonnes during 2008-09 over 2006-07 were recorded.

In case of rice, the additional productions of about 3.34 million tones during 2007-08 and 6.02 million tones during 2008-09 over that of 2006-07 were recorded.

In case of pulses, the production was increased by 0.6 million tones during 2007-08 over 2006-07 which was more or less sustained during 2008-09.

(d): During the last two years of implementation of NFSM, as many as nearly 72 lakh farmers have been observed to be benefited. The details of the major interventions and the farmers benefited are as follows:

Sl. No.	Major Interventions	Farmers benefited
1.	Demonstrations	2.35 lakhs
2.	Distribution of HYV Rice Seed	12 lakhs
3.	Distribution of hybrid rice seed	57,000
4.	Distribution of HYV seeds of wheat	23 lakhs
5.	Distribution of pulses seeds	9.5 lakhs
6.	Distribution of gypsum/lime/micro nutrients	9 lakhs
7.	Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	6.5 lakhs
8.	Distribution of Implements	4.3 lakhs
9.	Capacity building of farmers through Farmers Field Schools (FFS)	4.5 lakhs