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COVERAGE UNDER NFSM

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts in the country including Rajasthan covered under the National Food Security Mission, Statewise;
- (b) the increase in percentage likely to be effected in foodgrain production as a result of this scheme, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the action plan of the Government in this regard?

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) is presently being implemented in 312 identified districts of 17 States of the country including Rajasthan i.e., Andhra Pradesh (18 districts), Assam (13 districts), Bihar (31 districts), Chhattisgarh (12 districts), Gujarat (13 districts), Haryana (10 districts), Jharkhand (5 districts), Karnataka (18 districts), Kerala (1 districts), Madhya Pradesh (34 districts), Maharashtra (24 districts), Orissa (21 districts), Punjab (11 districts), Rajasthan (24 districts), Tamil Nadu (15 districts), Uttar Pradesh (49 districts) and West Bengal (13 districts).

From the year 2010-11, the States of Assam with 5 new districts and Jharkhand with 10 new districts would also be included making the total number of districts covered under NFSM to 327.

(b): NFSM was launched from Rabi, 2007-08 with the objective to obtain the additional production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10,8 and 2 million tones, respectively by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2011-12) with its interventions in the covered States.

So far as the foodgrains production in the States is concerned, it is indicated that the total foodgrains production during 2007-08 was 230.78 million tones which increased to 234.47 million tones during 2008-09 sowing an increase of 3.69 million tones.

(c): Under NFSM, assistance is provided to the farmers for improved technologies like use of High Yielding Varieties/Hybrids Seeds; use of Improved Farm Machineries; Integrated Pest Management through distribution of Plant Protection Chemicals; Integrated Nutrient Management through distribution of Gypsum/Lime and Micronutrients; water conservation devices through distribution of Sprinklers and Pumpsets; Imparting knowledge regarding the best agricultural practices through Farmers Field Schools and demonstrations is also an integral part of the Mission. To provide assistance for the above activities, an amount of Rs.908.84 crore has been released to States, so far, during 2009-10.