

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:549
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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objective of the said Mission;
- (c) the crops included, number of districts covered, allocations made and progress of the scheme, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand the scope by including more crops and districts under NFSM; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 549 DUE FOR REPLY ON 4TH MAY, 2010.

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The National Food Security Mission (NFSM) which has been launched in the country from Rabi, 2007-08 with a financial outlay of Rs. 4882.48 Crores during XI Plan period is a centrally sponsored scheme and the main objective of NFSM is to produce additional 20 million tons of food grains including 10 million tons of rice, 8 million tons of wheat and 2 million tons of pulses, by 2011-12. Mission also aims at restoring soil fertility; creating employment opportunities; and enhancing farm level economy to restore confidence of farmers of targeted districts by reducing yield gaps in rice, wheat and pulses crops.

(c): Three major food grain crops viz. Rice, Wheat and Pulses are included in the mission. The mission covers 467 districts in 17 states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu, and West Bengal. The State-wise allocation of funds under NFSM from 07-08 to 09-10 are as follows:

(Rupees in crores)

Sl.No State 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 Total

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|----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 45 | 84 | 124 | 253 |
| 2 | Assam | 11 | 27 | 36 | 75 |
| 3 | Bihar | 36 | 81 | 44 | 162 |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | 15 | 72 | 21 | 107 |
| 5 | Gujarat | 7 | 8 | 15 | 31 |
| 6 | Haryana | 21 | 11 | 29 | 61 |
| 7 | Jharkhand | 0 | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 8 | 30 | 48 | 86 |
| 9 | Kerala | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 10 | Madhya Pr. | 46 | 64 | 59 | 170 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 14 | 72 | 107 | 194 |
| 12 | Orissa | 11 | 62 | 63 | 137 |
| 13 | Punjab | 33 | 36 | 61 | 130 |
| 14 | Rajasthan | 25 | 19 | 39 | 82 |
| 15 | Tamil Nadu | 13 | 34 | 31 | 77 |
| 16 | Uttar Pradesh | 84 | 155 | 226 | 465 |
| 17 | West Bengal | 13 | 63 | 72 | 148 |
| | Total | 382 | 830 | 983 | 2196 |

In the first three years of mission implementation, nearly 3 lakh demonstrations of improved technologies have been arranged on farmers' fields; nearly 85 lakh qtls of high yielding varieties/hybrid rice seeds have been distributed; 58 lakh ha of area has been treated with soil ameliorants (gypsum/lime/micro nutrients) to restore soil fertility; an area of about 24 lakh ha has been treated under Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for controlling pests and diseases; 15 lakh improved farm machinery/water saving devices have been distributed ; and about 35,000 farmers' field schools (FFS) were taken up for capacity building of the farmers on the latest technologies and the package of practices.

(d) & (e): National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been strengthened recently with enhanced scope for more intensive promotion of pulses crops. Pulses components of Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds Pulses Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) have been merged in the mission and all the districts in the ISOPOM/NFSM States are now covered under NFSM Pulses. In addition, 15 districts of Jharkhand and 10 districts of Assam have also been included under NFSM Pulses based on their potential for pulses development. In addition to the above mentioned enhancement of scope, a new initiative -Accelerated Pulses production Programme- has been launched as part of NFSM Pulses from 2010-11, under which 1 million hectare of potential pulses areas for the major pulse crops-tur, urad, moong, gram and lentil- has been taken up for large scale demonstration of technology in compact blocks.