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

- (a) whether under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) 15 districts of Orissa are proposed to be covered for rice and 10 districts for pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Kendrapara district of the State has not been included under the above Mission;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the activities undertaken under the NFSM in Orissa alongwith the steps taken by the Government to include Kendrapara under NFSM?

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 (e): 15 districts of Orissa namely, Angul, Bolangir, Boudha, Deoghar, Dhenkanal, Jaipur, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Malkangiri, Nawapara, Nawrangpur, Nayagarh, Phulbani and Sundargarh are already covered under National Food Security Mission – Rice (NFSM-Rice) since 2007-08. Similarly, 10 districts namely, Baragarh, Bolangir, Cuttak, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Khurda, Nayagarh, Puri and Rayagada are also already covered under National Food Security Mission – Pulses. From the year 2010-11, Kendrapara district is covered under NFSM-Pulses. However, this district is not included under NFSM – Rice since it does not fulfill the criteria fixed for the selection of rice districts.

Under NFSM, assistance is provided to the farmers for procuring high yielding varieties/hybrids seeds; improved farm machineries; Integrated Pest Management (IPM); Integrated Nutrient Management (gypsum/lime and micronutrients); water conservation devices such as sprinklers and pumpsets; Imparting knowledge regarding the best agricultural practices through Farmers Field Schools (FFS). Demonstrations are also integral part of the Mission. Besides, Minikits are also distributed to the farmers free of cost.