GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5194 ANSWERED ON:27.04.2010 SPECIAL VILLAGES FOR PULSES AND OILSEEDS Vinay Kumar Alias Vinnu Shri

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the issues of developing special villages for cultivation of pulses and oilseeds and the selection of such villages in unirrigated areas were discussed in the meeting of Agriculture Secretaries held in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decisions arrived therein; and
- (c) the steps being taken by 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): Yes, madam
- (b) & (c): An amount of Rs.300 crores has been provided in the union budget 2010-11 to promote dry land farming in sixty thousand "Pulses and oilseeds villages" in rainfed areas. These funds have been provided as additional central assistance under the ongoing scheme of 'Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)". The States of Andhra Padesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh accounting for 83% and 86% area under pulses and oilseeds respectively have been taken up for implementation of the scheme. Budget allocation has been made in proportion to the area under pulses and oilseeds crops in these states. It is envisaged that productivity of pulses and oilseeds would increase by at least 10% with the implementation of the new plan. The details of state-wise villages, and proposed outlay under the programme is as under:

State No of village Proposed outlay (Rs. In crores)

A.P 6600 33.00 Gujarat 5400 27.00 Karnataka 6600 33.00 Maharashtra 14400 72.00 M.P 10200 51.00 Rajasthan 11400 57.00 Uttar Pradesh 5400 27.00 Total 60000 300.00