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PROMOTION OF HYBRID RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to replicate the Chinese Green Revolution model in the Eastern States and promote hybrid rice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a task force has also been constituted for promotion of hybrid rice with private participation;
- (d) if so, the terms of reference of the Task Force and the activities likely to be undertaken by it; and
- (e) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the scheme?

Answer

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(a) to (e): In the consultative Workshop organized in Kolkata on 9-10 July, 2010 on new initiative "Bringing Green Revolution in the Eastern India" , promotion of hybrid rice based on Chinese model was highlighted as one of the main interventions that needs to be promoted to ensure increase in rice productivity. India is the second country next to China to have successfully commercialized hybrid rice technology. During 2010-11, an amount of Rs.400 Crores is allocated to six eastern states for enhancing agriculture production in the eastern region of the country.

As a follow up of the Kolkata workshop, a Task Force at National level for promotion of Hybrid rice has been constituted under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation with Deputy Director General(Crops), Chairman, Food Corporation of India and Chairman, National Seed Corporation as members to prepare a work plan for increasing area under hybrid rice. The terms of reference of the Task Force is given in the Annexure.

Apart from the new initiative on "Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India" wherein states have planned to give thrust to hybrid rice promotion, Govt. of India has been promoting hybrid rice production on a large scale under National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) etc.