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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the suggestions/complaints received from various State Governments in regard to the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) whether some State Governments including Kerala have requested to include more districts under NFSM;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of districts proposed to be included under the Mission, State-wise?

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): Ministry of Agriculture has been receiving suggestions from various States from time to time for better implementation of the Mission. Based on feasibility of including their suggestions, modifications/relaxation to existing guidelines have been made from time to time. Some of the suggestions/relaxations approved include relaxation in age limit of HYVs seeds/ hybrid seeds; inclusion of truthfully labeled seed; inclusion of specific farm machineries; and inclusion of newly created districts carved out from already included districts, etc.

(b) to (d): A PMO reference was received through Planning Commission with regard to the Resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly on 19-03-2010 for inclusion of all districts of the State under National Food Security Mission. Considering that area under rice crop was much less than the area criteria fixed under the scheme, no other districts apart from already included Pallakkad district was found to be eligible for inclusion. State was advised to avail the same assistance as is available under the mission

From the other crop development schemes like Maco Management mode of Agriculture; Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana etc. to promote rice crop in other districts.

Similarly, based on the request of Jharkhand government, two new districts of Khunti and Ramgarh, carved out of existing NFSM-Rice districts of Ranchi and Hazaribagh respectively, have been included under NFSM-Rice. Besides, 15 districts of Jharkhand and 10 districts of Assam, having large area under pulses have also been included under NFSM-Pulses from 2010-11.