GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:361 ANSWERED ON:27.07.2010 PULSE AND OIL SEED VILLAGES Ramasubbu Shri S.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up `pulses and oil seed villages` in the country so as to augment the production and to bridge the shortage of the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such villages proposed to be set up, State-wise;

(d) the details of the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(e) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided in such villages?

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) & (b): Yes, Madam. In the Budget of 2010-11, an amount of Rs.300 crores has been provided to organize sixty thousand "Pulses and Oilseeds Villages" in rainfed areas during 2011-12. The focus of the scheme is to provide an integrated intervention of water harvesting, watershed management and soil health for enhancing the productivity of the dry land farming areas. The funds would be provided as additional central assistance under the ongoing scheme 'Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana'. The program would be implemented in the major pulses and oilseed growing States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(c): The number of villages set up are as follows: State No. of units No. of villages covered (@ 10 villages per unit)

1.Andhra Pradesh 660 6600 2. Gujarat 540 5400 3. Karnataka 660 6600 4.Madhya Pradesh 1440 14400 5.Maharashtra 1020 10200 6. Rajasthan 1140 11400 7Uttar Pradesh 540 5400

Total 6000 60000

(d): The state wise fund allocations made for implementation of the 60,000 "pulses and oilseed Villages" are as follows:

(e): Under the program, it is proposed to supply 6000 tractors of 35 HP capacities each along with the accessories viz. ridge and furrow planter and rotavator in a unit of 10 villages for utilization in custom hiring mode. An amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs is proposed for the aforesaid assets per unit of asset with a total amount of Rs.300.00 crores under RKVY. The estimated expenditure for each unit of tractor has been kept at Rs. 4.00 lakhs, for ridge and furrow planter Rs. 30000/- and for rotavator at Rs.60000/- . Besides this, an amount of Rs.10000/- per tractor is proposed as revolving fund for initial expenditure on wages of the tractor driver and on diesel.