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OBJECTIVES OF NFSM AND RKVY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the objectives of National Food Security Mission and the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; and  
(b) the steps taken by the Government to fulfil these objectives?

**Answer**

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(a)&(b): National Food Security Mission: The main objective of NFSM is to produce additional 20 million tons of food grains including 10 million tons of rice, 8 million tons of wheat and 2 million tons of pulses, by 2011-12. Mission also aims at restoring soil fertility; creating employment opportunities; and enhancing farm level economy to restore confidence of farmers of targeted districts by reducing yield gaps in rice, wheat and pulses crops.

In order to achieve the objectives, mission promotes proven technology and knowledge inputs to reach out to farmers in selected districts of 17 states. Mission has farmer centric approach and incentives are provided to the farmers for procuring quality seeds of High Yielding Varieties and hybrids; Integrated Pest Management (IPM); Integrated Nutrient Management (INM); farm implements; and water lifting and moisture saving devices. Promotion of new technologies and capacity building of the farmers is also ensured through demonstrations of Improved package of practices, farmers field schools. Resource conservation technologies such as zero tillage, system of rice Intensification, are actively promoted. Timely availability of funds is assured through direct transfer to the designated Autonomous Agencies at the State and the District levels. Dedicated manpower in the form of Project Management Teams is provided for sustaining the focus and attention of the National, State and District Implementing agencies on the Mission activities. Districts are provided with 10% of the mission funds for taking up local initiatives with the help of Panchayat Raj Institutions to supplement the other programs as per the felt needs of the area. Pilot projects have also been provided to promote innovations in program design and implementation.

National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been strengthened recently with enhanced scope for more intensive promotion of pulses crops. Pulses components of Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) have been merged in the mission and all the districts in the ISOPOM/NFSM States are now covered under NFSM Pulses. In addition, 15 districts of Jharkhand and 10 districts of Assam have also been included under NFSM Pulses based on their potential for pulses development. In addition to the above mentioned enhancement of scope, a new initiative- Accelerated Pulses Production Programme- has been launched as part of NFSM Pulses from 2010-11, under which 1 million hectare of potential pulses areas for the major pulse crops-tur, urad, moong, gram and lentil- has been taken up for large scale demonstration of technology in compact blocks.

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana: Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) aims for achieving 4% annual growth in the agriculture sector during the XI Plan period, by ensuring a holistic development of Agriculture and allied sectors. The main objective of the scheme is to incentivise the States so as to increase public investment in Agriculture and allied sectors. States have been given the flexibility to plan and implement the program under this scheme based on the identified need of the districts as included in comprehensive district Agriculture plan.

The major interventions of RKVY are : Integrated Development of major food crops such as wheat, rice, pulses and oilseeds; agriculture mechanization; activities on enhancement of soil health; development of rainfed farming systems and Integrated development of watershed areas including wastelands and river valleys; support to state seed farms; Integrated Pest Management (IPM); encouraging non-farm activities; strengthening of market infrastructure and marketing development, strengthening infrastructure for extension services; activities relating to enhancement of horticultural production and micro irrigation, animal husbandry and fisheries development; schemes on land reforms; grant support to State Government Institutions to promote agriculture and horticulture; farmers study tours; promotion of organic and bio fertilizers and innovative schemes.