

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocation made to various State Governments under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the funds utilised by the State Governments including Madhya Pradesh during the said period State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for under-utilisation of funds, State-wise; and
- (d) the achievements made including the benefits reaped by the farmers under NFSM?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Statement is annexed (Annexure-I).

(c): There has been an impressive increase in expenditure during last 3 years of mission implementation in the States and the expenditure in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 is 42%, 68% and 84% respectively. Initially, States could not gear up their procurement mechanisms and administrative machinery for the mission mode implementation, resulting in low expenditure. Understaffing at ground level also affected the execution of the mission in most of the States. Subsequently, the implementation has been accelerated due to streamlining of input procurement mechanisms and engagement of Project Management Teams of consultants, technical assistants under the scheme at State and district levels.

(d): Significant achievements under NFSM have been recorded during last three years i.e. during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 as per the progress reports received from the States. New farm practices have been encouraged through 3.00 lakh demonstrations of improved package of practices. As many as 53438 demonstrations on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) as well as 24189 demonstrations on hybrid rice have also been conducted. Nearly, 85.79 lakh qtls of seeds of high yielding varieties of Rice, Wheat and Pulses and hybrid rice have been distributed. About 65.88 lakh ha of area has been treated with soil ameliorants (gypsum/lime/micro nutrients) to restore soil fertility for higher productivity. An area of about 25.77 lakh ha has been treated under Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Further, nearly 15.31 lakh numbers of improved farm machineries including water saving devices have been distributed. Capacity building of farmers has been encouraged through arranging 28821 farmers' field schools (FFS) at the farm level so far.