GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:94 ANSWERED ON:09.11.2010 QUALITY OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS UNDER NFSM Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints in regard to the quality of fertilisers, zinc and pesticides in respect of the Pulse Production Programme under the National Food Security Mission have been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to redress such complaints?

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) to (c): No, Madam. No complaint from any of the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) implementing States regarding quality of fertilizers, zinc and pesticides in respect of the Pulse Production Programme has been received. However, a reference from Shri Uday Pratap Singh, Member of Parliament (LS) was received recently wherein the issue of supply of poor quality of seeds, gypsum and culture in Chabarpatha, Chichli, Saikheda and Kareli Panchayats of Narsinghpur District of Madhya Pradesh under Accelerated Pulse Production Programme of NFSM-Pulses Scheme was mentioned. Action has already been taken in this regard by GOI. The matter was further examined by the Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics of Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (JNKVV), Jabalpur and it was informed that there was no scope for distributing low quality seeds, gypsum and culture as the above items were procured from Government PSUs/SAU viz. National Seeds Corporation (NSC), M.P. State Agro-Industries Development Corporation Ltd., M.P. State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. And JNKVV, Jabalpur and no complaints have been received by them from farmers for supply of low quality inputs.