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

(a) whether interventions like research, appointment of agricultural scientists, expansion of cultivable land, water conservation and evolvment of hybrid seeds etc. are essential to achieve the objectives of the National Food Security Mission; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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): The objective of the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is to produce additional 20 million tons of food grains i.e. 10 million tons of rice, 8 million tones of wheat and 2 million tones of pulses by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan (2011-12). The major interventions that are being promoted to achieve the Mission's objectives include demonstration of improved production technology, distribution of quality seeds of High Yielding Varieties and hybrids, popularization of newly released varieties, support for micro nutrients, lime/gypsum, improved farm implements, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), water lifting and moisture saving devices, extension & training. Promotion of pulses through area expansion in rice fallows, as inter-crop is also encouraged.

Besides, dedicated manpower in the form of "Project Management Teams" is provided at national/state/district level to augment the administrative capacity of the Implementing Agencies by providing technical backstopping for implementation of Mission activities.