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INCLUSION OF AREAS UNDER NFSM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several parts of the country have not been included under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made by Government regarding the likely increase in production of foodgrains consequent to inclusion of excluded districts in NFSM;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to promote mixed farming in the country under foodgrains production-promotion programme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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 (d): Under NFSM, 476 districts of 17 states are included. The districts under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) were identified based on their potential for productivity enhancement. For Rice, those districts were identified which have more than 50,000 ha area under rice and productivity less than the State's average productivity; for wheat the districts in which irrigation coverage under wheat is more than 50% and productivity is less than State's average were identified and nearly 98.5 % of the pulses area is included under NFSM Pulses component. Similar subsidy pattern as provided under NFSM is being made available to the districts that are not included under the mission through other crop development schemes such as Macromanagement Mode of Agriculture, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana etc.

(e) & (f): Any farming system including mixed farming that results in production enhancement of rice, wheat, coarse cereals and pulses is encouraged under foodgrains production promotion programmes of the department. One of the strategies of NFSM is area expansion through intercropping and coverage of rice fallows for pulses crops.