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

- (a) the details of the various programmes being implemented under the National Food Security Mission and the criterion by which districts are selected for the implementation of the same;
- (b) whether the funds allocated to Orissa under the said scheme has been reduced during 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to arrest this trend?

**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): National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is being implemented 476 districts of 17 States with three components namely NFSM-Rice, NFSM- Wheat and NFSM-Pulses. NFSM-Rice is being implemented in 138 districts of 14 States. NFSM-Wheat is being implemented in 141 districts of 9 States. NFSM- Pulses is being implemented in 467 districts in 16 States.

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 pulse area is included under NFSM-Pulses component.

Under the scheme, incentives are being provided to the farmers for purchase of seed, nutrients, soil amenders, plant protection chemicals, farm machinery etc. Farmers are also benefited from the technology demonstrations conducted on the fields and trainings. Besides, seed minikits of recently released varieties are also distributed free of cost for popularizing the varieties.

(b) to (d): The allocation of funds to States including Orissa is generally made on the basis of Action Plan submitted by States as per the requirements projected by the districts covered under the programme. The fund made available to State of Orissa under NFSM has increased from Rs. 62.24 crores during 2008-09 to Rs. 63.41 crores during 2009-10. During 2010-11, an amount of Rs. 49.12 crore has been released to Orissa as on date.