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COVERAGE UNDER NFSM

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of districts in the country covered under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) the norms laid down by the Government for selection of districts under the said scheme;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any request to include some more districts from the State Governments including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d): The districts under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) are identified based on certain criteria. For NFSM-Rice, those districts are identified which have more than 50,000 ha area under rice and productivity less than the State's average productivity; for NFSM-Wheat the districts in which irrigation coverage under wheat is more than 50% and productivity is less than State's average are identified. The districts for implementation of NFSM-Pulses are selected based on existing large area under pulses, potential for area expansion through inter-cropping and utilization of rice fallows. Later, from the year 2010-11, the Pulses component of Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize (ISOPOM) was merged under NFSM-Pulses to cover 100% area in the NFSM-Pulses districts.

In total, 480 districts of 18 States are covered under NFSM. NFSM-Rice is being implemented in 142 districts of 15 States, NFSM-Wheat is being implemented in 142 districts of 9 States and NFSM-Pulses is under implementation in 468 districts of 16 States. The Statements showing the State-wise names of districts covered under NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses are at Annexure-I, II & III, respectively.

This Ministry had received requests from some States including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh for inclusion of new districts/replacement of existing districts. The districts that fulfilled the criteria were included under the programme.