

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION OF NUTRI CEREALS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote production of nutri cereals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme in this regard;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and released so far for promoting the production of nutri cereals during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the details of funds utilised by the States; and
- (e) the details of the targets for production of nutri cereals and the achievements made therein during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. Government has announced an allocation of Rs.300.00 crores for promotion of nutri cereals. A programme namely, "Initiatives for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millet Promotion (INSIMP)" as sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been launched in the country from Kharif-2011. The scheme is being implemented in 16 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Sikkim, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. The objective of scheme is to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies in an integrated manner with visible impact to catalyze increased production of millets in the country. Besides increasing production of millets, the scheme is expected to generate consumer demands for millet based food products through processing and value addition techniques.

The details of funds allocated and released for promotion of nutri cereals during 2011 -12 is as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

State	Allocation	Release
Andhra Pradesh	1132.00	566.00
Arunachal Pradesh	62.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	1029.00	512.00
Gujarat	1502.00	751.00
Haryana	37.00	174.00
Jharkhand	116.00	58.00
Karnataka	2657.00	1329.00
Madhya Pradesh	2166.00	1083.00
Maharashtra	9148.00	4574.00
Orissa	195.00	147.00
Sikkim	43.00	22.00
Rajasthan	8768.00	4384.00
Tamil Nadu	1079.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	440.00	220.00
Uttarakhand	587.00	0.00
West Bengal	64.00	32.00
Total	29435.00	13852.00

Since the programme has started only from Kharif 2011, it is too early to assess the utilization/expenditure of funds from the States as well as achievements made under the scheme.