

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PADDY PRODUCTION IN NALANDA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Gram Panchayat in Nalanda district of Bihar has surpassed the Chinese record of paddy production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide assistance on similar lines for paddy farming to other farmers of the country in order to increase production in other States and districts in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. As per the reports received from the State Government, the yield of wet paddy has been recorded at 22.4 tonnes/ha and that of dry paddy at 20.16 tonnes/ha in the district of Nalanda, Bihar under the demonstration on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) which was organized at farmer's field during Kharif 2011. It has surpassed the yield of 19 tonnes/ha which was recorded earlier in China. The crop cutting experiments were conducted by the State Government in the presence of Block Development Officer, Circle Officer, Block Agriculture Officer and others.

The Government of India has been providing financial assistance of Rs.3,000/- for organizing demonstration of 0.4 ha each on SRI under National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice) in identified districts of 16 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Similarly, under the sub-scheme 'Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI)' of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), rice crop promotion programmes including SRI are being extended to the farmers in the seven States of eastern India namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Besides, the farmers are being trained in the States by organizing Farmers Field School (FFS) at Panchayat level by the State Department of Agriculture of the concerned States. The Government of India is providing financial assistance of Rs. 17,000/- per training of 30 farmers under NFSM and other crop development programmes.