

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:889
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INCLUSION UNDER NFSM
Rama Devi Smt.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received requests to include certain districts of Bihar under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Union Government had received request from the Government of Bihar during the year 2008 to include 7 more districts under NFSM-Rice viz; Saran, Gopalganj, Sheohar, Vaishali, Begusarai, Purnea and Khagaria, 4 districts under NFSM- Wheat viz; Gaya, Aurangabad, Sheohar and Lakhisarai and most of the districts under NFSM -Pulses. Since none of the districts could qualify the identified criteria, these districts were not included under NFSM. However, all the 3 components of NFSM-Rice, Wheat and Pulses are under implementation in the State. NFSM - Rice is implemented in 18 districts, NFSM - Wheat in 25 districts and NFSM-Pulses in 38 districts of the State.