

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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FOOD FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a UN Sponsored pilot project on Food for Human Development is being implemented in some of the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of people benefited under the project;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement the project in remaining States also; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)to(c): As informed by World Food Programme (WFP), India, a pilot project on Food for Human Development (FFHD) was taken up upto March, 2008.

The project was implemented in a total of 94 villages, 30 villages each in districts of Banswara in Rajasthan and Sarguja in Chhattisgarh and 34 villages in district Koraput in Orissa. The focus of the project was to

- (i) integrate the FFHD model in poverty alleviation and employment generation schemes of the government; and
- (ii) enable improvements in the schemes such as mid-day-meal (MDM) and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) through support by women Self Help Groups (SHGs).

During the project period, 3423.5 MT foodgrains were given as compensation to women who attended the capacity building sessions and supported improvements in service deliveries of ICDS centres and primary schools in their respecting villages. This benefited 35,000 people under the project with generation of 570,000 person days of employment.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Question does not arise.