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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION

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

- (a) the criteria formulated by the Government for inclusion of districts of the States under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- (b) whether the Government has received requests from various States including Odisha and Bihar to include all the districts in their States under the NFSM-rice and NFSM-wheat;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): The districts under NFSM had been identified based on certain criteria, i.e. for NFSM-Rice, those districts which have more than 50,000 ha area under rice and had productivity lower than State average were included; for NFSM-Wheat, the districts in which irrigation coverage under Wheat was more than 50% and productivity lower than State average were identified. The districts for implementation of NFSM-Pulses were selected based on the existing area under pulses, potential for area expansion through inter-cropping and utilization of rice fallows.

(b) to (d): Union Government had received requests from some States including Odisha and Bihar for inclusion of districts/replacement of existing districts under NFSM. Since none of the proposed districts could meet the identified criteria, those districts could not be included under NFSM. The districts not covered under NFSM- Rice/Wheat are covered under Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP)- Rice/Wheat of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA). Moreover Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI) a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is also implemented in non-NFSM rice districts of Bihar and Odisha in cluster mode approach since 2010-11. In Bihar those districts not covered under NFSM-wheat are included under BGREI programme in cluster mode approach.