

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of districts covered under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in the country including Uttarakhand and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether some States of the country including Uttarakhand and Andhra Pradesh have sent proposals/requested to cover some more districts under the mission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to cover some more districts proposed by the States under these schemes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the financial assistance provided by the Government to various States under the mission during the current year, Statewise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is under implementation in 561 districts of 27 States in the country including Uttarakhand and Andhra Pradesh. No such proposals are pending with the Government of India for inclusion of more districts under NFSM from Andhra Pradesh and Uttarakhand states during current year.

The request for inclusion of additional districts from the States could be considered within the prescribed 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, for NFSM-Wheat, the districts in which irrigation coverage under wheat is more than 50 per cent and productivity lower than State average. The districts for implementation of NFSM-Pulses are selected based on large existing area under pulses, potential for area expansion through inter-cropping and utilization of rice fallows etc.

State-wise details of funds allocated under the Mission during current year is annexed.