

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific programmes launched by the Government under the National Food Security Mission in various States of the country during the last one year and the current year for increasing agricultural production;
- (b) the area expanded and productivity enhanced in respect of various agricultural produce including production of pulses under the Mission since its inception, State- wise and year-wise;
- (c) the annual average increase in the production and the increase in the rate of production in the year 2011-12 in comparison to the year 2009-10;
- (d) the total funds allocated and utilized under the scheme for these programmes during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the total number of farmers benefited under this Mission in various States, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) with three components, viz., NFSM- Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses was launched with effect from Rabi 2007-08 with an aim to achieve additional production of Rice, Wheat and Pulses by 20 million tonnes by the end of 11th Five Year Plan, i.e., Rice by 10 million tonnes, Wheat by 8 million tonnes and Pulses by 2 million tonnes.

From Kharif 2010, Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) has been launched under NFSM-Pulses for technology demonstrations in Village Level Compact Blocks for enhanced production of pulses.

In addition to above, Govt. of India launched a campaign to increase area coverage under pulses through its promotion as intercrops with Kharif crops and as relay crop, and catch crop in Rabi and summer seasons.

(b) The area, production and productivity of rice, wheat, pulses and foodgrains since inception of NFSM Scheme, i.e., from 2007-08 onwards are given in the Annexure-I.

(c) Details of average annual growth rates of rice, wheat, pulses and foodgrains during the period 2009-10 to 2011-12 are as under:-

Crops Average Annual Growth Rate
(2009-10 to 2011-12) (%)

Production Productivity

Rice 8.73 6.12

Wheat 8.37 5.79

Pulses 9.0 65.42

Total foodgrains 9.08 7.53

(d) Total funds allocated and released under NFSM scheme during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure-II.

(e) New farm practices have been encouraged and nearly 8.19 lakh demonstrations of improved varieties of rice, wheat and pulses have taken place from 2007-08 to 2011-12. Nearly, 174.56 lakh qtls of seed of rice (high yielding variety/hybrids), wheat and pulses have been distributed. More than 122.90 lakhs ha area has been treated with soil ameliorants (gypsum/lime/micro nutrients) to restore soil fertility. About 49.53 lakh ha of cropped area has been covered under Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and 74.70 lakh improved farm machineries/water saving devices (including sprinkler, pumpsets/pipes) have been distributed. Capacity building of farmers has been enhanced through organization of 49182 Farmers' Field Schools.