

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF COARSE GRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan formulated by the Union Government to increase the production of kharif crops in different parts of the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to give priority to increase the production of coarse grains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the effective steps taken by the Government so far, in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Government of India formulated action plans of various Crop Development Schemes, viz, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice/ Coarse Cereals under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP) and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) for implementation in different parts of the country, including Maharashtra. Financial assistance under various Crop Development Schemes is provided to promote and extend improved technologies, i.e., seed, micronutrients, soil ameliorants, i.e., Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Farm Machinery, Resource Conservation Technologies and capacity building of farmers.

(b) to (d): Government of India is promoting the cultivation of coarse cereals through implementation of scheme "Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP)" in 16 major coarse cereals growing States, including Maharashtra to increase coarse grain production in the country. Under the scheme, there is provision of financial assistance for improved crop technology demonstrations, micro-nutrients, plant protection chemicals as well as for post harvest processing and value addition of coarse cereals.