GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5525 ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013 PRODUCTION OF COARSE GRAIN Jaiswal Shri Gorakh Prasad ;Sinh Dr. Sanjay

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for cultivation of coarse grains on additional one crore hectare of land to increase its production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the works undertaken in this direction; and
- (d) the extent of success achieved by the Government thereunder?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No such scheme has been formulated by Government of India (GOI) for cultivation of coarse grains on additional one crore hectare of land to increase its production. However, cultivation of coarse cereals are promoted under the crop development programmes of GOI, namely, Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP) – a sub-scheme of RKVY by providing support for organizing demonstrations of improved package of practices, supply of certified seeds, seed minikits and supply of micro nutrients and gypsum, farmers training, and promotion of post harvest technologies.

These programmes have improved productivity of coarse grains, which has increased from 1182 kg/ha (2006-07) to 1591 kg/ha during 2011-12.