

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

(a) whether the Government has launched a pilot programme for promotion of nutri-farming and introducing new crop varieties that are rich in micro-nutrients such as iron-rich bajra, protein-rich maize and zinc-rich wheat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds earmarked for implementation of this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A pilot scheme on Nutri Farms has been launched in 2013-14 with an outlay of Rs.200 crores to promote cultivation of bio-fortified food crops enriched with critical micro nutrients like iron-rich bajra, protein rich maize and zinc-rich wheat, etc. to improve the nutrition status of the most vulnerable sections of population of the country.

The programme is being implemented in 100 high malnutrition burden districts of 9 States namely, Assam (3), Bihar (12), Chhattisgarh (3), Jharkhand (1), Madhya Pradesh (25), Orissa (6), Rajasthan (16), Uttar Pradesh (32) & Uttarakhand (2).

Under the scheme, micro-nutrient rich cultivars of cereal and vegetable crops namely, rice, pearl millet, maize, finger millet, wheat, sweet potato are being promoted through cluster demonstrations. Arrangements are being made for procurement of the produce from such demonstrations and their supply/distribution among children for improving the nutrition level in the identified districts.

The State wise fund allocation are as under:-

Sl.No.	State	Allocation (Rs. in crores)
1	Assam	5.67
2	Bihar	23.43
3	Chhattisgarh	5.67
4	Jharkhand	1.89
5	Madhya Pradesh	48.00
6	Odisha	11.34
7	Rajashtan	30.99
8	Uttar Pradesh	61.23
9	Uttarakhand	3.78