

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED FOODGRAIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched an integrated foodgrain development programme replacing the rice development programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include all blocks of the country, particularly the backward regions for providing assistance the agriculture equipments including power tillers, threshers, etc. and continued assistance for pesticides under this new programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): No, Madam. However, to enhance the production and productivity of cereals under specific crop-based systems, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission – Rice (NFSM-Rice) in 136 districts of 14 states in the country in a mission – mode approach. Besides, Integrated Cereals Development programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP- Rice) under Macro Management of Agriculture is being implemented in non-National Food Security Mission (NFSM) district of Rice growing States/UTs including backward area in the country.

Under this scheme, assistance is provided to the farmers for distribution of hybrid/certified seeds, demonstrations of improved crop production technologies, demonstrations of Rice Intensification, popularization of newly released varieties, support for micro-nutrients, incentive for liming and integrated pest management etc. under the programme, flexibility has been given to states to include the programmes suitable to their agro-climatic condition and local needs.

Besides, Agriculture equipments including power tillers, threshers are also covered under farm mechanization of Macro Management of Agriculture.