

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MINIKIT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government has covered/ identified some areas/locations in the country including Jammu & Kashmir under Minikit Programme for Rice, Wheat and Coarse cereal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any financial assistance and training is provided to the farmers/workers for adopting new technology; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**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. To enhance the production and productivity of cereals under specific crops based systems, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 312 identified districts of 17 states of the country. Out of these, NFSM – Rice is being implemented in 136 districts of 14 states and NFSM – Wheat is being implemented in 141 districts of 9 States in the country.

Under NFSM-Rice, 499318 numbers of seed minikits of high yielding varieties of rice, 60300 seed minikits of hybrid of rice and 566567 minikits of wheat have been allocated in the respective states covered under NFSM-Rice/Wheat in the country during 2009-10.

Besides, Integrated Cereals Development programme in Rice/Wheat Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice/Wheat) under Macro Management of Agriculture is being implemented in non-National Food Security Mission (NFSM) districts of Rice/ Wheat in the country including Jammu & Kashmir and also Integrated Cereals Development programme in Coarse Cereals (excluding Maize) Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) under Macro Management of Agriculture is also implemented in the major coarse cereals growing districts/States of the country including Jammu & Kashmir.

Under these schemes, financial assistance is also given to the States under the component of farmers field school to train the farmers including women to provide first hand information to the farmers in their field to enable them to adopt the latest crop protection/production technologies to enhance the productivity of cereals.