

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:367

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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the targets set under the National Food Security Mission for increasing production of rice, wheat and pulses during each year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) the details of the interventions for which Government of India's approval has been communicated and the financial allocations proposed in this regard;
- (c) whether any increase in the production of the foodgrains has been registered since the launch of the Mission; and
- (d) if so, the percentage increase in the production of foodgrains achieved under this Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.367 DUE FOR REPLY ON 15-12-2009.

(a): National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been launched since Rabi 2007-08 to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of XI Five Year Plan (2011-12). The year wise and crop-wise break-up of cumulative targets are as under:

(Million Tonnes)
Year Rice Wheat Pulses

2007-08 1 2 0.3

2008-09 3 3 0.8

2009-10 5 4 1.0

2010-11 7 6 1.5

2011-12 10 8 2.0

(b): Based on the state action plans, various interventions approved under NFSM for implementation at district level relate to demonstration of improved production technology, production of foundation/ certified seeds of pulses, distribution of quality seeds of High Yielding Varieties of rice, wheat, pulses and hybrids of rice, popularization of newly released varieties by minikits, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), support for lime/gypsum, micronutrients under Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), various farm machineries such as weeders, knap sack sprayers, zero till seed drills, multi-crop planters, seed cum fertilizer drills, rotavators and other farm implements, extension, water lifting and moisture saving devices, training and mass media campaign including awards for best performing districts. Besides, pilot projects on demonstration of International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) technologies on hybrid pigeon pea and enhancing chickpea production in rainfed rice fallow land (RRFL) etc have also been approved. Districts have been given flexibility to adopt area specific technological interventions suited to the local conditions. An outlay of Rs.4882.48 crores has been approved for implementation of NFSM during XI plan period.

(c) & (d): NFSM programme has been launched since Rabi, 2007-08. Before the launch of the NFSM programme i.e. during 2006-07, the production of total foodgrains was 217.28 million tonnes which increased to 233.88 million tonnes (4th advance estimate) during

2008-09. Thus, around 7.64 percent increase in total foodgrains production has been achieved.