

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WHEAT PRODUCTIVITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to enhance the wheat productivity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of subsidy package for replacing existing seeds, sprinkler and drip irrigation instruments for the farmers alongwith the central share of such subsidy?

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 (c): Yes, Madam. To enhance the production and productivity of wheat in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission – Wheat (NFSM- Wheat) is under implementation in 141 identified districts of nine major wheat growing States in the country in mission mode approach. The interventions covered under NFSM- Wheat includes demonstrations on improved package of practices; seed distribution; seed minikit; Gypsum, micro-nutrients, farm implements such as zero till seed drills; rotavators; multi-crop planters; seed drills; sprinkler set; knap sack sprayers; pump sets and training of farmers through farmer field school etc.

Besides, Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat based cropping system areas (ICDP-Wheat) Macro Management of Agriculture is also being implemented in Non-NFSM districts in major wheat growing States in the country. Under this scheme assistance is also given to farmers for all the components of NFSM-Wheat except farm implements and machinery and same components are covered under farm mechanization of Macro-Management. The pattern of assistance & cost norms of the similar components are same in both the schemes.

The pattern of assistance for distribution of seed and sprinkler are as follows:

Name of the Component Pattern of assistance

Distribution of Certified seed Assistance @ Rs.7/kg or 50% of the cost,
whichever is less (only for Rabi 2009-10)

Distribution of Sprinkler set Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to
Rs.7500/hectare, whichever is less.