GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3614 ANSWERED ON:05.08.2014 SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION Kumar Shri P.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start second Green Revolution to increase the production of foodgrains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any expert committee has been constituted in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details of term and reference of the committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (d): In order to meet the food grain requirement of the growing population of the country, the Government of India is laying emphasis on development of resource rich eastern region of the country for enhancing agricultural production. This would also help in reducing over exploitation of natural resources in north western region, the traditional food bowl of the country. Accordingly, the Government of India is implementing a programme of "Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)" – a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in seven eastern States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh (East) and West Bengal since 2010-11. The objective of the programme is to increase the productivity of rice based cropping system by promotion of recommended agricultural technologies by addressing the underlying key constraints of different agro climatic sub regions. The programme is being continued during 2014-15 in 121 identified districts of the seven States with an allocation of Rs. 1000 crore.

Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack has been assigned the responsibility of providing technical backstopping to the programme.