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Title: Need to include Kendrapara district of Orissa under National Food Security Mission.

SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA (KENDRAPARA): The Centre proposes to launch a centrally sponsored National Food Security Mission (NFSM) to increase food production during the 11th Plan period. NFSM has three components-NFSM-rice, NFSM-wheat & NFSM pulses. The objective of the mission is to increase production of the above crops in a sustainable manner, restoration of soil fertility, creation of employment opportunities and enhancing farm level economy etc., in certain identified districts of the country.

Under the above project, 15 districts of Orissa state are proposed to be covered for rice while 10 districts for pulses. However, the most deserving agriculture-based Kendrapara district is not covered under any of the above two components. It is requested that Kendrapara district may also be included under the above two components.