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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4541
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th JANUARY, 2019

CULTIVATION OF COARSE CEREALS

4541. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to cultivate coarse cereals on additional land with a view to increase their production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard so far along with the details of progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Coarse Cereal Crops are included as one of the component under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) programme from 2014-15 to increase the production and productivity of coarse cereals through area expansion and productivity enhancement.

From 2018-19, NFSM – Coarse Cereals is divided into two parts, namely; NFSM-Coarse Cereals (Maize and Barley) and NFSM-Nutri Cereals. NFSM-Coarse Cereals (Maize and Barley) is being implemented in 269 districts of 27 states and that of NFSM-Nutri Cereals in 202 districts of 14 states. Under NFSM-Coarse Cereals, assistance is being provided for organizing demonstrations on improved package of practices & intercropping and distribution of seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs) & Hybrids. However, under the programme of NFSM-Nutri Cereals, assistance is provided to the farmers through State Governments for organizing cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, seed production/seed distribution of HYVs/Hybrids, distribution of micronutrients & bio-fertilizers, plant protection chemicals & bio-agents, Weedicides, manual sprayer, sprinkler, cropping system based trainings, formation of FPOs in cluster area, creation of processing units of FPOs, Center of Excellence, distribution of seed minikits (HYVs), publicity etc.

The production of Coarse Cereals including Nutri- cereals is as under:

(Production In Million tonnes)

Year	Production
2015-16	38.52
2016-17	43.77
2017-18*	46.99

* 4th Advance Estimates
