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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1524**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**STEPS TO INCREASE FOOD GRAIN PRODUCTION**

1524. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

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

the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the production and productivity of food grain in backward States?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

The Government is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) scheme in 28 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs) which includes backward states and the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh also.

The scheme is being implemented with the objectives of increasing foodgrain production through area expansion and productivity enhancement in a sustainable manner, restoring soil fertility and productivity at the individual farm level and enhancing farm level economy to restore confidence amongst the farmers. The assistance is being provided to the farmers through the state governments on latest crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of site specific newly released varieties/hybrids/stress tolerant/climate resilient/bio-fortified varieties, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/resource conservation machineries & water saving devices and capacity building of farmers through trainings during each cropping season.

The Government is also implementing Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) which intended to address the constraints limiting the productivity of rice based cropping systems in abundantly available natural resource rich region of Eastern India comprising seven states namely, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

In addition, special programmes are being implemented under NFSM for enhancing production and productivity of pulses in low productivity districts and in rice fallow areas of the country. Further, seed minikits of pulses are being distributed amongst the farmers of aspirational districts of the country.

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