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FOOD SECURITY PACKAGE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced a Food Security Package for the agriculturally backward States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has since identified the beneficiary States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the districts identified therefor;
- (e) the criteria followed therefor; and
- (f) the amount earmarked for the said package?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): In view of stagnation in foodgrain production, the National Development Council (NDC) adopted a resolution to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of XI Plan. To operationalise the resolution of NDC, the Government has contemplated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission` (NFSM) to enhance the production of wheat, rice and pulses during the XI Five Year Plan. The National Food Security Mission will have three components viz., National Food Security Mission- Rice (NFSM – Rice), National Food Security Mission – Wheat (NFSM – Wheat) and National Food Security Mission – Pulses (NFSM-Pulses). The NFSM-Rice will be implemented in 133 identified districts of 12 States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. The NFSM-Wheat will be implemented in 138 identified districts of 9 States viz., Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The NFSM – Pulses will be implemented in 168 identified districts of 14 States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d): The list of identified districts is given at Annexure.

(e): The districts having sizeable area under specific crops with their productivity less than that of the State average but have the potential for enhancing the productivity have been identified in the Mission.

(f): A total financial outlay of Rs.4882.48 crores have been earmarked under NFSM during the XI Five Year Plan.