

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTEGRATED CEREALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched an Integrated Cereals Development Programme for wheat in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government provides incentives to States under the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (e) the criteria fixed for providing such incentives under the scheme;
- (f) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) organized field demonstrations under the said scheme in various parts of the country;
- (g) if so, the number of such demonstrations arranged by the ICAR during 2008-09 and 2009-10, State-wise; and
- (h) the number of farmers benefited by such demonstrations during the said period in various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. To enhance the production and productivity of cereals under specific crop based systems, Government of India is implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programme in wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat) under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) in non-National Food Security Mission (NFSM) wheat districts in the country. Under the scheme, assistance is provided to the farmers for distribution of seed minikits, distribution of certified seeds, micro nutrients, gypsum as well as transfer of technology through field demonstrations and training of farmers in Farmers Field Schools.

Under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), the funds are allocated to States in lump sum for various schemes and not for individual scheme. Funds allocated to different States under Macro Management of Agriculture in last three years and Current year are given at Annexure-I.

Based on the following criteria, incentive are fixed:

- (i) 50% weightage to the gross cropped area, and
- (ii) 50% weightage to the area under small and marginal holding in the State.

(f) to (h): Frontline demonstrations are organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on farmers fields in various parts of country.

The State-wise frontline demonstrations conducted and number of farmers benefited during 2008-09 is given at Annexure-II.

Regarding, 2009-10, 850 hectares demonstrations has been allocated to ICAR for conducting the frontline demonstrations in various wheat growing states in the country during coming wheat season.