

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SYSTEM OF RICE INTENSIFICATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is adopted in some parts of the country including Bihar to improve the yield of paddy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to educate the farmers on the adoption of the new technique and to attain self-sufficiency in the production of paddy in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The System of Rice Intensification (SRI) technique has received considerable attention globally including India due to its potential for yield improvement and water saving. For enhancing production and productivity of rice in the country, the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is being adopted under various crop development programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Programme of Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI) in major rice growing States of the country including Bihar. For adoption of this technique, farmers are educated through organizing demonstrations at farmers' fields and Farmers Field Schools (FFS).