

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

INCLUSION OF THRISSUR MALAPPURAM AND KUTTANAD DISTRICTS OF KERALA UNDER NFSM .

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Shri M.P. Achuthan

Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that only one district Palakkad in Kerala has been included in the National Food Security Mission;
- (b) if so, whether Government of Kerala has requested Central Government to include Thrissur, Malappuram and Kuttanad districts of Kerala under the National Food Security Mission; and
- (c) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a):Yes, Sir. Only one district of Palakkad in Kerala has been included under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) i.e. NFSM-Rice.

(b) & (c):This Ministry received representation from the State Governments apart from other dignitaries including Members of Parliament.

The above representations were examined. The districts under NFSM are included based on certain criteria i.e. for NFSM-Rice, those districts were identified which have more than 50,000 ha area under rice and productivity less than the State's average productivity; for NFSM- Wheat the districts in which irrigation coverage under wheat is more than 50% and productivity is less than State's average were identified. The districts for implementation of NFSM-Pulses have been selected based on existing large area under pulses, potential for area expansion through inter-cropping and utilization of rice fallows.

Since only one district i.e. Palakkad qualified the above objective criteria, this district was included under NFSM-Rice for area based interventions. As regards other rice growing districts in Kerala, the State Government was advised to take these districts under the Integrated Cereals Development Programmes- Rice of Macro Management Scheme or under newly launched Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).