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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1962
 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17/03/2023

INCREASING PRODUCTION OF PEARL MILLET

1962#. SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the year 2023 has been declared as the 'Year of Millets' internationally, if so, the details of the plan prepared to increase the production of 'Pearl millet' at the domestic level to meet the upcoming demand of millets;
- (b) the details of production of Shree Anna at present, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any plan to popularize it in various States and regions through public participation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government of India spearheaded the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution for declaring 2023 as International Year of Millets. The proposal of India was supported by 72 countries and UNGA declared 2023 as International Year of Millets in March, 2021. The Government of India is implementing a multi stakeholder approach towards celebration of International Year of Millets (IYM) - 2023. The action plan of IYM-2023 focuses on strategies to enhance production and productivity, consumption, export, strengthening value chain, branding, creating awareness for health benefits etc. Further, month wise action plans have been prepared by Central Ministries, State Governments and Indian Embassies to create awareness about millets for increasing production and demand.

In order to promote and increase the production and productivity of millets (jowar, bajra, ragi and small millets), the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has been implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) since 2018-19. Currently, NFSM-Nutri-Cereals (Millets) is being implemented in 212 districts of 14 states of the country and 89 districts of 9 states are covered in NFSM-Nutri-Cereals (Pearl Millets) programme. North eastern and Hilly States have been given flexibility to implement the programme as per their need in any district.

Under NFSM–Nutri Cereals, the incentives are provided to the farmers, through the states/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/ resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed minikits, publicity through print and electronic media etc. The details of production of Shree Anna (Millets) at present, State-wise is at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

State wise production of Nutri-Cereals (Millets) during 2022-23 *	
State	Production (000' Tonnes)
Andhra Pradesh	353.48
Assam	3.23
Bihar	8.71
Chhattisgarh	17.19
Gujarat	397.7
Haryana	1074.83
Himachal Pradesh	2.48
Jharkhand	13.16
Karnataka	2239.09
Kerala	0.24
Madhya Pradesh	1171.83
Maharashtra	1958.7
Odisha	63.55
Punjab	0.45
Rajasthan	5501.81
Tamil Nadu	761.34
Telangana	95.68
Uttar Pradesh	2005.05
Uttarakhand	182.22
West Bengal	7.84
Other	75.3
All India	15909.33

* As per 2nd Advance Estimates
