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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2744
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24/03/2023

POPULARISING MILLETS

2744. DR. C.M. RAMESH:

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

- a) whether Government proposes to popularise millets and give more incentives to farmers to increase the production of millets in the country in a big way, in view of International Year of Millets (IYOM), the details thereof;
- b) the details of production of millets in different parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. 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 identified districts of 14 states of the country. North eastern and Hilly States have been given flexibility to implement the programme as per their need in any district. Under the programme/scheme, 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. State Governments also promoting millets through specific millet missions and other activities.

The first Global Event for IYM was organised by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on 18th March 2023. The occasion was graced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India wherein IYM engraved stamp and currency coin were also launched. As part of the event, participants from 100 countries including six Agriculture Ministers from leading millet producing/

exporting countries, international organizations, scientists, Padma Awardees, farmers, FPOs, international companies etc. participated. Moreover, a global level Exhibition-cum-Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) in collaboration with APEDA was organized with focus on millets with participation of domestic and international exporters for promotion of millets. Several other stakeholders such as farmer producer companies/ farmers, self-help groups, schools, agri-universities, Krishi VigyanKendras (KVKs), gram panchayats, cooperative institutions, hotel management schools, yuvakendras, anganwadis, Indian embassies, Ministry of Railways and diaspora, etc. also participated in the event online.

In view of International Year of Millets, 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. The state wise production of millets during last three year is at [annexure-I](#).

Annexure-I

Production of Millets during last 3 years

State/UT	Production ('000 Tonnes)		
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Andhra Pradesh	514.19	540.61	359.15
Assam	3.23	3.26	3.20
Bihar	8.00	10.31	8.51
Chhattisgarh	24.56	26.24	28.18
Gujarat	990.48	1091.97	1179.08
Haryana	1034.90	1366.56	1132.15
Himachal Pradesh	6.81	3.12	2.49
Jharkhand	14.31	17.72	18.07
Karnataka	2555.60	2569.08	2053.60
Kerala	0.54	0.57	0.60
Madhya Pradesh	895.71	1024.13	1181.40
Maharashtra	2428.70	2513.82	2305.38
Odisha	48.07	55.16	68.08
Punjab	0.32	0.26	0.76
Rajasthan	5146.89	5155.67	4279.74
Tamil Nadu	1017.03	905.26	765.48
Telangana	139.15	166.33	122.76
Uttar Pradesh	2171.91	2298.20	2225.65
Uttarakhand	191.09	200.85	200.38
West Bengal	9.83	6.98	7.74
Other	59.32	64.44	74.30
All India	17260.63	18020.55	15999.76
