GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1300

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/08/2024

AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT IN FOOD PRODUCTION

1300. SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) efforts made by Government to attain Aatmanirbhar Bharat in food production;
(b) whether Government has drawn any roadmap for robust improvement in food security for strengthening self-reliance in food production;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether efforts made by Government has resulted in improvement in India's ranking in food production index; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 28 States & 2 Union Territories viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with the objective to increase foodgrain production through area expansion and productivity enhancement. Under NFSM, 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 etc.

In addition, Government of India also provides flexibility to the states for state specific needs under Rashtirya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). The states may implement need based projects for foodgrain crops under RKVY with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by Chief Secretary of the State. The production indices of crops (total) of India has improved from 41 in 2021 to 37 during 2022 (Source: Food and Agriculture Organization).

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