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TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2024

PRODUCTION OF FOOD CROPS UNDER NFSM IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for increasing the production of food crops under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total fund sanctioned and granted towards NFSM in the last five years in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve the production of food crops in the coming years across the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (d) Government of India is supplementing the efforts of state governments to increase the production of foodgrains in the country through implementation of various schemes and programmes. The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 28 States including Himachal Pradesh & 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.

The strategies under the Mission include focus on low productivity and high potential districts including cultivation of food grain crops in rainfed areas, implementation of cropping system centric interventions, cluster approach for crop productivity enhancement, focus on pulse production through utilization of rice fallow, rice bunds and intercropping of pulses with coarse cereals, oilseeds and commercial crops (sugarcane, cotton & jute) 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 release of fund (central share) to state government of Himachal Pradesh under NFSM programme during last five years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Release
2019-20	11.44
2020-21	11.20
2021-22	5.81
2022-23	2.99
2023-24	7.08
