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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1475
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/08/2025

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND PULSE SEEDS IN JHARKHAND

1475. SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that 646.63 quintals of rice and pulse seeds were distributed to 3,425 farmers at 50 percent subsidy in Kharif season this year in Ranchi district of Jharkhand;
- (b) the total quantity of seeds distributed and the number of beneficiaries for the year 2025-26;
- (c) the impact of excessive rainfall on sowing and germination of seeds;
- (d) the support or technical guidance being provided to farmers to avoid such losses; and
- (e) the strategies devised or insurance measures taken to deal with adverse monsoon conditions in future?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the report received from Government of Jharkhand, 730.81 quintals of rice and pulses seeds have been distributed to 4,519 farmers under 50 percent subsidy scheme in Kharif, 2025 season in Ranchi district, and total 37,220.21 quintals of seeds have been distributed to 209,606 farmers in the State during 2025-26 under various schemes namely Kharif Seed Exchange, Kharif- Birsa Fasal Vistar Yojna and NFSNM Demonstration.

(c) to (e): Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (ICAR-CRIDA) has issued guidelines for farmers to be adopted as contingency measure to mitigate the impact of excessive rainfall on sowing and germination of seeds and to mitigate any potential losses to farmers. The key recommendations include preference to direct seeded rice instead of transplanting, adoption of medium-duration crops such as blackgram, soybean, and finger millet via the ridge-and-furrow technique, utilization of excess rainfall for sowing of rabi pulses and oilseeds i.e. chickpea, lentil, field pea mustard and linseed etc.

Further, District Agriculture Officer of all districts in Jharkhand along with scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendras are spreading awareness among farmers regarding cultivation of maize, pulses, oilseeds and millets in upland and medium land and are encouraging farmers to follow contingency measures as per CRIDA guidelines.

Additionally, the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana has been implemented for the Kharif 2025 season, encompassing 24 districts and covering two notified crops namely Paddy (major crop) and Maize (minor crop), within the State to mitigate weather risk to farmers.