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TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/02/2026

INITIATIVES TO ENSURE FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

801. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by Government under National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) to ensure food and nutrition security in the country, the details of allocation during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of assistance being provided to farmers for cultivation of foodgrain crops; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps/measures to promote bio fortified varieties of rice and wheat, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) in the 28 States and 2 Union Territories (UTs) with the objective to increase production of Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals (Maize & Barley), Commercial Crops (Cotton, Jute & Sugarcane) and Nutri-Cereals (Shree Anna) through area expansion and productivity enhancement. Earlier the Pulses crops were also covered under the scheme and are now promoted under the mission for Aatmanirbharata in Pulses. The details of Allocation of funds under National Food Security and Nutrition Mission to the States/UTs from 2022-23 to 2024-25 is annexed.

Under NFSNM, assistance is being provided to the farmers, through the States/UTs, for demonstration on crop production & protection technologies, for distribution of certified seeds, for production of certified seeds (Nutri-cereals), for Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management measures, for capacity building of farmers through cropping system-based trainings etc.; and seed minikits of newly released varieties/hybrids (Nutri-cereals), are also distributed through the states by agencies.

The mission also provides support to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for technology back stopping and transfer of technology to the farmer under supervision of Subject Matter Specialists/Scientists.

In order to address the problem of malnutrition, special efforts were initiated during 12th plan with the launching of a special project on Consortium Research Platform on Biofortification by ICAR. Concerted efforts has led to the development of 185 bio-fortified varieties in field crops including Rice (15) and Wheat (73) crops.

Under NFSNM, for the promotion of latest varieties including bio-fortified varieties of Rice and Wheat, assistance is being provided for conducting demonstrations and seed distribution. A project for organizing Cluster Frontline Demonstration (CFLDs) on bio-fortified varieties of various crops including Rice & Wheat by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has been approved under NFSNM for implementation during 2025-26.

ANNEXURE

Allocation of funds under National Food Security and Nutrition Mission to the States/UTs from 2022-23 to 2024-25 (Central Share)				
(Rs. In crores)				
S. No.	State/UT	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	35.450	42.119	52.649
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5.530	6.120	6.885
3	Assam	107.240	124.000	132.466
4	Bihar	34.960	40.203	95.300
5	Chhattisgarh	80.824	43.332	74.740
6	Goa	0.090	0.060	0.090
7	Gujarat	25.600	30.409	37.910
8	Haryana	22.560	22.734	23.773
9	Himachal Pradesh	6.821	9.447	6.850
10	UT of J & K	5.539	8.390	8.130
11	Jharkhand	23.200	33.830	33.826
12	Karnataka	147.530	175.330	213.380
13	Kerala	0.413	0.657	0.660
14	UT of Ladakh	0.471	0.507	0.507
15	Madhya Pradesh	183.611	261.060	269.410
16	Maharashtra	141.380	209.360	203.090
17	Manipur	7.092	8.718	10.899
18	Meghalaya	4.030	4.468	4.469
19	Mizoram	2.530	2.830	2.829
20	Nagaland	10.030	15.026	15.030
21	Odisha	52.950	57.570	99.935
22	Punjab	2.110	2.837	3.544
23	Rajasthan	205.187	269.880	277.989
24	Sikkim	4.270	5.886	5.301
25	Tamil Nadu	64.905	46.760	52.260
26	Telangana	18.103	21.898	21.890
27	Tripura	5.970	7.027	6.944
28	Uttar Pradesh	119.810	125.398	125.400
29	Uttarakhand	11.950	16.223	14.880
30	West Bengal	59.322	64.262	66.060
	States Total	1389.478	1656.341	1867.096
