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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2797**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**CULTIVATION OF NUTRITIOUS CROPS**

2797. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to encourage farmers to cultivate crops which are effective in eliminating malnutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether agricultural scientists of ICAR have developed any new variety of nutritious foodgrain crops, fruits and vegetables and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether commercial farming of the said crops is not being undertaken due to lack of incentives and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to take measures to promote cultivation of such crops and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): In order to eliminate malnutrition, Government of India has been encouraging farmers to cultivate foodgrains crops, vegetables and fruits through implementation of various crop development programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), etc.

(c): National Agricultural Research System (NARS) comprising Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Central and State Agricultural Universities has developed nutritious varieties in various crops. Some of them are as under:-

Rice:	CR Dhan 310 (high protein), DRR Dhan 45 (high zinc)
Wheat:	WB 02 and HPBW 01 (high zinc and iron)
Maize:	Pusa Vivek, QPM9 Improved (rich in provitamin-A, high tryptophan & lysine), Pusa HM4 Improved/ Pusa HM8 Improved/ Pusa HM9 Improved (rich in tryptophan and lysine)
Bajra:	HHB 299 (high iron and zinc), AHB 1200 (high iron)
Lentil:	Pusa Ageti Masoor (high iron)

(d) & (e): Government is conducting front line demonstrations and cluster demonstrations at farmers fields through ICAR/State Agricultural Universities/ State Governments under NFSM for disseminating such type of latest technologies amongst the farmers so that they are encouraged to grow these varieties further for commercial purposes.

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