

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 121**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**PROMOTION OF NUTRI-FARMING**

\*121. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a pilot programme for promotion of nutri-farming and introducing new crop varieties that are rich in micro-nutrients such as iron-rich bajra, protein-rich maize and zinc-rich wheat; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds earmarked for the implementation of this project?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 DUE FOR REPLY ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.**

(a) & (b): A pilot scheme on Nutri-farms-a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched in 2013-14 to promote cultivation of bio-fortified food crops enriched with critical micro-nutrients like iron-rich bajra, protein-rich maize and zinc-rich wheat to improve the nutritional status of the most vulnerable sections of the population of the country. This pilot scheme was sub-summed under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) during the year 2014-15. Now, Government of India has launched a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) under NFSM from 2018-19. The foodgrain crops included under NFSM are NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat, NFSM-Pulses, NFSM-Coarse Cereals and NFSM-Nutri Cereals. NFSM-Nutri Cereals is being implemented in 202 districts of 14 states of the country. The North Eastern (8) and hilly States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir have been given flexibility to implement programme on nutri-cereals. Under this programme, various High Yielding Varieties/ Hybrids developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through National Agricultural Research System (NARS), which are rich in micro-nutrients such as iron-rich bajra, protein-rich maize and zinc-rich wheat, are being promoted.

An amount of Rs. 92.62 crore has been allocated for implementation of NFSM – Nutri Cereals for the year 2018-19. The state-wise details are **annexed**. Under NFSM, assistance is being given to the farmers through State Governments for organizing various types of demonstrations on improved production technologies, seed production & distribution, need based inputs and cropping system based training etc. Besides, the nutria-rich varieties are also being promoted through Front Line Demonstrations on farmers' field by ICAR Institutes/State Agricultural Universities.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 FOR ANSWER ON 12.02.2019 REGARDING PROMOTION OF NUTRI-FARMING ASKED BY SHRI K. N. RAMACHANDRAN**

<b>Allocation and Release of funds under NFSM- Nutri Cereals to the states during 2018-19 (As on 05.02.2019)</b>			
<b>Rs. in Crore</b>			
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Nutri Cereals</b>	
		<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Release</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2.320	2.250
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.700	0.530
3.	Assam	0.910	0.460
4.	Chhattisgarh	0.97	0.730
5.	Gujarat	5.320	3.990
6.	Haryana	5.780	4.550
7.	Himachal Pradesh	0.440	0.330
8.	Karnataka	16.700	8.350
9.	Madhya Pradesh	6.750	5.060
10.	Maharashtra	16.330	8.160
11.	Manipur	0.840	0.630
12.	Mizoram	0.470	0.350
13.	Nagaland	0.790	0.590
14.	Odisha	1.430	1.356
15.	Sikkim	0.810	0.610
16.	Rajasthan	13.290	6.640
17.	Tamil Nadu	3.970	3.960
18.	Telangana	1.060	0.800
19.	Tripura	0.750	0.670
20.	Uttar Pradesh	11.100	5.550
21.	Uttarakhand	1.770	1.320
22.	West Bengal	0.120	0.090
	<b>Total</b>	<b>92.620</b>	<b>56.976</b>

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