## NFSM-RICE PROGRAMME

## 413. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme called NFSM Rice Programme (NFSM-RP), if so, the details thereof including the objectives and salient features thereof;
(b) whether the Government has included any district in the State of Kerala under the NFSM-RP, if so, the details thereof including the names of districts in Kerala covered under the NFSM-RP; and
(c) whether the Government has any record regarding the funds spent for Kerala during each of the last three years under the NFSM-RP and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER<br>MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. For increasing the production and productivity of rice in the country, the Government has been implementing National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice) programme. The objectives of the programme is to increase the production of rice through area expansion and productivity enhancement in a sustainable manner in the identified districts of the country, restoring soil fertility and productivity at the individual farm level; and enhancing farm level economy (i.e. farm profits) to restore confidence amongst the farmers. At present, the NFSM-Rice programme is being implemented in 194 identified districts of 25 States including Kerala. Palakkad district of Kerala is covered under NFSMRice. The allocation of funds to Kerala State under NFSM-Rice progaramme for last three years is as under:

| Year | Alocation <br> (Rupees in crore central share) |
| :---: | :---: |
| $2016-17$ | 1.46 |
| $2017-18$ | 1.05 |
| $2018-19$ | 0.93 |

