

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1217
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH JULY, 2024

NATIONAL MAIZE MISSION

1217. DR ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch National Maize Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the other initiatives to improve Maize production in the country specially in the State of Bihar?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): Maize Development Programme is being implemented under Coarse Cereals component of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 26 States including Bihar & 2 Union Territories from 2014-15 to enhance production & productivity of maize. Besides, states can support maize development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State.

Further, to improve production & productivity of maize three projects of ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research (IIMR), Ludhiana and one project of International Maize & Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT) have been approved under NFSM.

The Government has been increasing the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of maize over the years to encourage farmers for cultivation of maize and ensure remunerative prices. During the year 2024-25, MSP of maize has been increased to Rs. 2225/ quintal, which is 6.5% higher than previous year.

The state government of Bihar is implementing a scheme to promote kharif maize during 2024 for expanding an area by 70000 Ha.
