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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 375
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 2025

ASSISTANCE TO KERALA FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION

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

(a)   whether the Government proposes to provide more assistance to Kerala for increasing food production, if so the details thereof,

(b)   the details regarding the food production, State-wise,

(c)   the details of foodgrains required for consumption, State-wise,

(d)   the details of comparative statement regarding the total requirements of food and total production in each State;

(e)   whether the Union Government analysed the crisis in Kerala to ensure the food security due to the low production;

(f)   if so, the details of action taken by the Government to give priority to Kerala for increasing the food production;

(g)   whether the Union Government initiated joint action with State Government to preserve the agricultural land in Kerala, if so, the details thereof, and

(h)   the details of the special project proposed to implement in Kerala?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (h):   The Government of India is supplementing the efforts of State Governments to increase the production of foodgrains in the country through implementation of various schemes and programmes. The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) in the identified districts of 28 states including Kerala and Union Territories (UTs) for increasing the food production through area expansion and productivity enhancement, restoring soil fertility and productivity at individual farm level and enhancing farm level economy.

Under NFSNM, the assistance is provided to the farmers, through the States/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/ hybrids, integrated nutrient and pest management techniques, capacity building of farmers through training during cropping season etc. NFSNM also provides support to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & State Agriculture Universities (SAUs)/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for technology back stopping and transfer of technology to the farmer under supervision of Subject Matter Specialists / Scientists. The Research Organizations are supported for undertaking research projects that can help enhancing production and productivity of crops.

In addition, Government of India also given flexibility to the states for state specific needs under Pradhan Mantri- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY). The states may implement need based projects for foodgrain crops under PM-RKVY with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC).

There is no foodgrain crisis in the country. Due to the concerted efforts of the Central, States Governments and farmers, the production of foodgrain has increased from 285.01 million tonnes in 2017-18 to 332.29 million tonnes in 2023-24. The State-wise foodgrain production in India in the year 2023-24 is at annexure-I. As per data received from the Department of Food and Public Distribution, the allocation of foodgrain to states / UTs under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) / National Food Security Act (NFSA) for the year 2024-25 is at annexure-II.

As a part of watershed development programmes taken up under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) several activities are taken up for all round development and conservation of natural resources including agricultural land in the state. The Kerala state Government has passed the Kerala Paddy Land & Wet Land Act in 2008 to preserve the remaining paddy lands of Kerala.

State-wise Production of Total Food Grains during the year 2023-24

S. No.	States/ UTs	Total Production (Lakh Tonnes) 2023-24
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	0.10
2	Andhra Pradesh	104.13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3.92
4	Assam	62.59
5	Bihar	212.01
6	Chandigarh	0.03
7	Chhattisgarh	106.19
8	Dadra And Nagar Haveli	0.38
9	Daman And Diu	--
10	Delhi	1.05
11	Goa	0.99
12	Gujarat	100.45
13	Haryana	184.39
14	Himachal Pradesh	16.48
15	Jammu And Kashmir	18.41
16	Jharkhand	33.58
17	Karnataka	127.77
18	Kerala	5.02
19	Ladakh	0.25
20	Madhya Pradesh	414.68
21	Maharashtra	145.09
22	Manipur	4.38
23	Meghalaya	3.25
24	Mizoram	0.55
25	Nagaland	5.19
26	Odisha	94.32
27	Puducherry	0.63
28	Punjab	325.44
29	Rajasthan	218.72
30	Sikkim	0.69
31	Tamil Nadu	107.00
32	Telangana	202.76
33	Tripura	8.42
34	Uttar Pradesh	602.86
35	Uttarakhand	18.00
36	West Bengal	193.24
	All India	3322.95

(Source: Economics, Statistical & Evaluation Division, DA&FW)

Allocation of foodgrains (Rice+Wheat+Coarsegrains) under TPDS/ NFSA for 2024-25

(Quantity in Lakh Tonnes)

S. No.	States/ UTs	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	18.72
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.89
3	Assam	16.95
4	Bihar	55.27
5	Chhatisgarh	13.84
6	Delhi	4.49
7	Goa	0.59
8	Gujarat	22.47
9	Haryana	7.95
10	Himachal Pradesh	5.08
11	Jharkhand	17.52
12	Karnataka	26.09
13	Kerala	14.25
14	Madhya Pradesh	34.94
15	Maharashtra	46.05
16	Manipur	1.38
17	Meghalaya	1.76
18	Mizoram	0.66
19	Nagaland	1.38
20	Odisha	22.53
21	Punjab	8.70
22	Rajasthan	27.71
23	Sikkim	0.44
24	Tamil Nadu	36.78
25	Telengana	13.38
26	Tripura	2.71
27	Uttrakhand	5.03
28	Uttar Pradesh	99.79
29	West Bengal	39.71
30	A & N Island	0.29
31	Chandigarh (DBT)	0.00
32	D&N H and Daman & Diu	0.15
33	Jammu & Kashmir	7.35
34	Ladakh	0.16
35	Lakshadweep	0.05
36	Pudducherry (DBT)	0.00
	Total	**555.06**

(Source: Department of Food & Public Distribution)

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