

**Central Sector Schemes for farmers**

2334. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Central Sector Schemes under which incentives are provided to farmers for use of quality seeds and location specific high yielding varieties of foodgrains are under implementation in Gujarat, with details; and

(b) what changes in the crop productivity has been noticed in the State after implementation of these schemes with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) A Central Sector Scheme of Minikit Programme of Rice, Wheat and Coarse-cereals is under implementation in the State of Gujarat. Under this Scheme seed minikits of location specific recently released /notified high yielding varieties of these crops are supplied to the farmers at a nominal cost by charging 10 percent of the cost of minikits from the farmers.

(b) The implementation of the above scheme has helped in increasing the productivity of the above crops in Gujarat. The details are as follows:

(Kg/Ha)

Crop	Productivity before implementation of the scheme	Productivity after implementation of the scheme (1998-99)
Rice	1223(1970-71)	1608
Wheat	1737(1973-74)	2443
Coarse-cereals	682(1973-74)	1105

**Financial assistance to agriculture Universities**

2335. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) financial assistance provided by the ICAR under various heads to the State Agriculture Universities during the Eighth Plan