

NFSM-Wheat: The interventions covered under **NFSM-Wheat** include demonstrations on improved package of practices; Seed replacement; seed minikits; micro-nutrients, gypsum; zero till seed drills; rotavators; multi-crop planters; seed drills; sprinkler sets; knap sack sprayers; pump sets, pilot project on community generators; farmers field schools, award for best performing districts; local initiatives; international exposures for technical knowledge enrichment and project management team.

NFSM-Pulses: The interventions covered under **NFSM-Pulses** include assistance in the form of production & purchase of breeder seeds; production of foundation & certified seeds; distribution of certified seeds; strengthening of seed certification agencies; INM; 1PM, sprinklers sets; zero till seed drills; multi-crop planters; seed drills; rotavators; sprinkler sets; knap sack sprayers; pump sets; farmers field schools; training for extension workers; award for best performing districts; local initiatives; strengthening of infrastructure of IIPR, Kanpur; pilot project on blue bull; demonstration of ICRISAT technologies and project management team.

The total outlay of National Food Security Mission for the Eleventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 4882.48 crores. During 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 1350.00 crores has been made as Budget Allocation.

Plans to boost farm production

717. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the Plans made for creating Food Safety Net and to boost Farm produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): The Government of India is already implementing various schemes for enhancing the production of foodgrains in the country such as Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA). Besides, to increase production of fruits & vegetables, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is also in operation in the country.

Production of Rice

718. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of rice in the country last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rice production in India is 1/3rd of that of China and half compared to Vietnam; and

(c) if so, the steps Government is contemplating to increase the rice production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The total estimated production of rice in the country during 2007-08 stood at 96.69 million tones.