

- (3) Centrally Sponsored Scheme “National Horticulture Mission” for holistic development of horticulture sector was launched in 2005-06. Improvement in production and productivity, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management and marketing are the major programmes of the Schemes.

#### **Seed Village Scheme in Chhattisgarh**

†2319. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received proposals for Seeds Village Scheme and for the development of infrastructure under Central Area Scheme from Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether these proposals have been approved;
- (c) if so, the amount thereof; and
- (d) if not, by when sanction would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) to (d) Government has received proposal and released an amount of Rs. 21.00 lakh in 2006-07 and Rs. 370.135 lakh in 2007-08 for seed village scheme to Chhattisgarh. For the current year 2010-11 a proposal of Rs. 708.37 lakh is under consideration and sanction would be accorded in April-May, 2010. For creation of seed infrastructure Government has received proposals and released an amount of Rs. 575.338 lakh in 2005-06, Rs. 300 lakh in 2007-08 and Rs. 476 lakh in 2009-10 to Chhattisgarh.

#### **Status of NFSM in Tamil Nadu**

2320. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the districts in which the National Food Security Mission is under implementation in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the funds allocated to the State since its implementation, year-wise;
- (c) the funds actually spent and achievements made as a result of the implementation of the scheme;
- (d) whether any special attention is proposed to be given by his Ministry in view of the rain shadow location of the State;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is presently being implemented in 15 districts namely, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Erode, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Pudukkotai, Ramananthapuram, Sivagangai, Thiruvallur, Thiruvarur, Thoothukudi, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Villupuram and Virudunagar.

Out of these districts, 5 districts namely, Nagapattinam, Pudukkotai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, and Thiruvarur are covered under NFSM — Rice and 12 districts namely Coimbatore Cuddalore, Erode, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Thiruvallur, Thiruvarur, Thoothukudi, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Villupuram and Virudunagar are covered under NFSM — Pulses.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The year-wise funds allocated and released to the State under NFSM including funds for publicity is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)			
Year	Funds Allocated	Fund Released	Expenditure Reported by State
2007-08	13.87	12.81	1.67
2008-09	47.82	33.51	29.58
2009-10	46.92	30.58	30.20*

\*As per report received from the State till February, 2010.

As per the Progress Reports received from the States go far, significant achievements under NFSM in Tamil Nadu during the course of implementation of Programme in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (till date) have been recorded. New farm practices have been encouraged through 2070 demonstrations of improved varieties of rice. As many as 1972 numbers of demonstrations on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) as well as 746 demonstrations on hybrid rice were also conducted. Nearly, 1.93 lakhs qtls. of seeds of high yielding Rice varieties, hybrid rice and high yielding varieties of pulses have been distributed. About 1.17 lakhs ha. of area has been treated with soil ameliorants (gypsum/lime/micro nutrients) to restore soil fertility for higher productivity. An area of about 1.32 lakh ha. has been treated under Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Further, nearly 1.50 lakh numbers of improved farm machineries including water saving devices have been distributed. Capacity building of farmers has been encouraged through arranging 662 farmers' field schools (FFS) at the farm level so far.

(d) to (f) All the NFSM districts of Tamil Nadu falls under non-rain shadow location. The districts under NFSM were identified based on certain district criteria. For Rice, those districts were identified which have more than 50,000 ha. area under rice and productivity less than the State's average productivity and the districts for implementation of NFSM-Pulses have been selected based on existing large area under pulses, potential for area expansion through inter-cropping and utilization of rice fallows.

#### **New bugs in cotton fields**

2321. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute for Cotton Research has recently found that cotton productivity has substantially declined and new bugs have emerged in cotton fields after the introduction of Bt. cotton;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any corrective measures to protect the cotton fields from new diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) and (b) The Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur has found decline in productivity of cotton in recent years. Such decline in productivity has been attributed to delayed and erratic