

**Self sufficiency in foodgrains in Tripura**

2655. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Tripura for central assistance for implementation of perspective plan for achieving self sufficiency in foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under Perspective Plan emphasis has been laid for increasing production of Rice, Wheat, Maize and Pulses through adoption of the following strategies:

- Increasing irrigation potential to the maximum possible.
- Enhancing cropping intensity.
- Seed replacement.
- Varietal replacement.
- Enhancing consumption of plant nutrient.
- Incorporation of bio-fertilizer in conjunction with inorganic fertilizers.
- Integrated Pest Management.
- Research Support.
- Adequate Farm Power.
- Adequate Credit.
- Efficient extension support.
- Ensuring people's participation.

(c) It is not possible for this Ministry to provide additionalities in funding as requested by the State Government. For this purpose the State Government was advised to project their requirement either to Planning Commission under Five Years/Annual Plans in the State Sector, seek loan assistance from NABARD or from foreign donors.