

(b) if so, whether Government would give special package for giving relief to the affected farmers in Assam, on the basis of report submitted by the Government of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) As per situation report received from the Govt. of Assam in the current monsoon season 0.72 lakh ha of cropped area have been affected in 1847 villages in the 17 districts in the State due to heavy rains and floods.

Relief as per the prescribed norms is admissible under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to the farmers. It is the responsibility of the State Government to extend relief to the affected area with the funds allocated and available under the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

In the event of calamity of a severe nature, financial assistance is extended from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF)/National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). The State Government has not submitted any memorandum or formal proposal seeking any additional Central financial assistance for relief to the affected farmers.

Contingent crop plan for three different scenario of the monsoon like less rainfall, normal rainfall and excessive rainfall has been prepared and issued to all State Governments including Assam State for implementation as per the requirement of the State.

#### **Production of hybrid seeds**

‡2109. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Narendra Dev Agriculture University had produced Narendra hybrid seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Narendra Dev Agriculture University did not produce the hybrid seeds itself and instead got it produced by a private company; and

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‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) One hybrid of rice, Narendra Shanker Dhan-2, has been released for use.

(c) and (d) As reported by the university, seed of this rice hybrid is being produced and marketed by the Indo-Gulf Fertilizer, Jagdishpur Distt., Sultanpur (UP), under MoU signed on 12.7.2005, as the seed setting is very poor in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Indo-Gulf Fertilizer is producing hybrid seed in collaboration with private seed agencies in south India where seed setting is not a problem.

#### **New incentives in Kharif season**

2110. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the high price of pulses, Government plans to give farmers any new incentives in the Kharif season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the production of pulses in the past few years has declined considerably and to what extent Government's new Kharif strategy for cultivation of pulses is going to help in the sufficient production of pulses in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) A new initiative of Accelerated Pulses production programme (A3P) has been initiated under National Food Security Mission from Kharif 2010, where in, farmers of 1 million hectares of potential pulses areas would be involved in intensive promotion of pulses through village level block demonstration of production and protection technologies. This would enable the farmers of the A3P areas to avail Seed Minikits, Integrated nutrient Management, Integrated pest management components free of cost up to 2 hectares of area of individual farmers. In addition, Pulses farmers in selected watershed areas are provided incentives for purchase of tractor, rotavator and ridge furrow planters etc. as a unit to be used on custom hiring basis under new initiative of "organizing 60000