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2.	Technology Mission for the North-East	100% grant-in-aid from the Central Govt.
3.	Micro Irrigation	50(Centre) : 10(States) : Rest Beneficiary [Small and marginal farmers] 40(Centre) : 10(States) : Rest Beneficiary [General farmers]
4.	Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds	100% grants in aid from the Centre
5.	Grameen Bhandaran Yojana	Back ended reform linked subsidy scheme with subsidy @25% for all categories of farmers and 33.33% for North-Eastern States.
6.	Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization.	Back ended reform linked subsidy scheme with subsidy @25% for all categories of farmers and 33.33% for North-Eastern States.
7.	National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility	Static labs - 50 (Centre) : 50 (States) Mobile labs - 75 (Centre) : 25 (States)
8.	Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India	100% grants in aid from the Centre
9.	Macro Management of Agriculture	90 (Centre) : 10 (States) North-Eastern States-100 grant-in-aid from the Centre.
10.	Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana	100% grants in aid from the Centre subject to State meeting eligibility conditions.

**Purchase of adulterated wheat for FCI by PUNSUP**

\*90. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, on behalf of Food Corporation of India (FCI), Punjab procurement agency, namely the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (PUNSUP), has purchased grains which contain 20 per cent wheat and 80 per cent mud;

(b) if so, whether FCI has taken any action in this regard and whether it proposes to lift the stock of grains after physical verification;

(c) if so, whether the procurement norms of FCI would be revised and agencies which are trying to supply highly toxic and adulterated grains would be blacklisted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The procurement of foodgrains is taken up by FCI and State Governments through their agencies for Central Pool. The State Government of Punjab has not opted for Decentralized Procurement (DCP) scheme and procures, through its agencies, on behalf of FCI for Central Pool. These stocks are taken over by FCI at the time of dispatch.

On 24.06.2010, as per FCI, 244 bags, out of wheat procured by Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation (PUNSUP), were found having mud slabs and damaged wheat. FCI has further informed that State Govt. has already placed 3 officials of PUNSUP under suspension. Dy. Commissioner Ferozepur has constituted a three member committee for investigation.

Beside above, 760 bags were found to contain inferior quality foodgrains out of 50,000 bags, procured directly from mandies on behalf of PUNSUP, MARKFED and PSWC, proposed to be dispatched to Kerala Region in April, 2010. The above 760 bags were containing 49% to 55.20% inorganic matter. An amount of Rs. 1.05 Lakh has been recovered on this account.

Both these matters are under investigation and punitive action will be initiated against those found responsible.

(c) and (d) Government of India prescribes stringent norms for procurement and the State Government concerned, through its agencies, is responsible for procurement of foodgrains as per specifications issued by Central Government.

#### **Network of touts in railways**

\*91. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of recent media reports (May-June 2010) wherein it has been stated that railway reservation in general and HOR quota in particular is under the strangle hold of touts and middlemen due to their connivance with departmental staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of touts, without-ticket-travellers and transferred-ticket-travellers have been apprehended in different zones and divisions during the last three months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and division-wise?