

(d) whether Government will further enhance allocation for the Rainfed Area Development Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Rs. 250.00 crore has been allocated for Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) for 2011-12.

(b) 10 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh are covered under RADP. Rs. 15.00 crore has been allocated to Chhattisgarh during 2011-12.

(c) and (d) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is a State Plan Scheme introduced in 2007 with the objective of enhancing production and productivity in agriculture and allied sectors through State specific interventions. RADP has been introduced as a sub-scheme of RKVY from 2011-12 with specific focus on small and marginal farmers by offering a complete package of activities to maximize farm returns for enhancing his/her food and livelihood security. No enhancement in allocation is being considering for 2011-12.

Release of funds for extending green revolution

2638. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently released funds to States for extending green revolution to the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether areas with low agricultural productivity but with higher natural endowments have been identified for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure agricultural productivity in such neglected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (d) The programme of Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI), a sub-Scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is under implementation in seven eastern States namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh (Eastern) and West Bengal from 2010-11. The districts which have high potential such as abundant water availability and natural resources are covered under the programme to improve the crop productivity by addressing the underlying constraints. The scheme provides support for organizing demonstrations with cluster approach, creation of asset building activities for water management (shallow tube wells/dug wells/bore wells, distribution of pump sets), promotion of farm implements and site specific activities like construction of water canals and power etc.

For effective implementation and monitoring of the programme, deployment of district-wise scientific resources, three tier monitoring system with Central Steering Committee at national level, State and District Level Monitoring Team, Institutional support for technical backstopping through Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) and a dedicated cell in the Department have been arranged.

The State-wise funds released during 2010-11 and 2011-12 (upto August 19, 2011) are as under:—

Sl. No.	States	Funds Released (Rupees in crore)		
		2010-11	2011-12	Total
1.	Assam	17.50	0.00	17.50
2.	Bihar	63.94	27.67	91.61
3.	Chhattisgarh	67.15	27.60	94.75
4.	Jharkhand	14.80	15.84	30.64
5.	Odisha	79.67	31.31	110.98
6.	Uttar Pradesh (Eastern)	57.27	42.83	100.10
7.	West Bengal	102.37	36.10	138.47
TOTAL:		402.70	181.35	584.05

Benefit of National Horticulture Mission to Jammu and Kashmir

2639. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jammu and Kashmir State was also expected to benefit from the National Horticulture Mission; and

(b) if so, how far had Jammu and Kashmir State benefited from the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is implementing Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) since 2003-04 in the State of Jammu and Kashmir for improving farm income, livelihood security and enhancing employment generation. Under this Mission, assistance is provided for technology generation, refinement, demonstration, production of quality planting material, area expansion, rejuvenation of senile plantations, creation of water sources, human resource development, horticulture mechanization, post harvest management (PHM), establishment of processing and marketing infrastructure, etc. Details of funds released to Jammu and Kashmir under HMNEH since 2003-04 to 2011-12 are given in Statement-I (See below).