

- (a) whether it is a fact that organic food is becoming popular in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the help Government is providing to the producers of organic food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Organic Food is becoming popular in the country during the last few years. Ministry of Agriculture does not maintain the data related with organic food items. However, according to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), production of certified organic food products for the last three years is as under:

2008-09 (Million Tonnes)	2009-10 (Million Tonnes)	2010-11 (Million Tonnes)
1.62	1.70	3.88

- (c) Government is providing incentives to producers of Organic Food products under the "National Horticulture Mission" (NHM) @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare for maximum area of 4 hectare per beneficiary, setting up of vermi-compost units @ 50% of the cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000/- per beneficiary and organic farming certification @ Rs. 5.00 lakh for a group of farmers covering an area of 50 hectare.

Value added product from millet

3900. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been undertaken in the country to find out the innumerable value added products made from millets;
- (b) if so, the findings of the study;
- (c) if not, whether Government is contemplating to encourage such a study on millet grains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of studies has been undertaken by the

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and State Agriculture Universities (SAU). Major ones are listed as under:

- (i) Directorate of Sorghum Research (DSR), ICAR, Hyderabad has undertaken a sub-project entitled, 'Creation of Millets Food through Production to Consumption System (PCS) Value Chain' under a World Bank funded National Agriculture Innovative Project (NAIP) from 2008-12.
- (ii) International Development Research Centre (IDRC) funded project, "Enhancing Food Security of Rural families through Production Processing and Value Addition of Regional Staple Food Grains in India" is under implementation at University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad.
- (iii) Central Food Technological Research Institute an Institute of CSIR has undertaken a study on 'Processing and Value Addition to Small Millets' under ICAR funded project.
- (iv) Besides, College of Home Science in State Agricultural Universities like Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Andhra Pradesh; Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University Hissar, Indra Gandhi Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Raipur, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, UAS, Bengaluru and UAS Dharwad have also undertaken studies on development of value added products from millets either under NAIP or under ICAR funded scheme.

(b) The value added product developed under above mentioned projects are listed as under:

Sorghum: Multi-grain Atta, Dalia, Khichdi, Cookies, Crispies, Vermicelli, Dosa, Idli, Flakes, Sorghum Lassi, Sweets etc.

Pear Millets: Cakes, Biscuits, Pasta, Vermicelli, Popped, Dhokla, Idli, Khichdi, Pearl millet Lassi, Sweets etc.

Finger Millets: Malted Ragi, Ragi Flakes, Malted weaning foods, Biscuits etc.

Small Millets: Cookies, Khakra, Paddu a delicious dish made out of little millet, Chakkli and Foxtail Millets Muffin etc.

(c) and (d) In order to meet the requirement of development/refinement and transfer of technologies; development of entrepreneurship and to facilitate market

linkages between producers and processors, three National Centre of Excellence for Sorghum, Pearl Millet and Small Millet have been set up by the Government at Directorate of Sorghum Research, Hyderabad, CCS HAU, Hissar and UAS, Bengaluru respectively under Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP) a sub-scheme of RKVY launched in 2011-12.

Proposal for National Fishermen Programme

†3901. SHRI SHIVPRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount in lac rupees of the proposal for Fish Farmer's Development Agency and National Fishermen Programme Development of Inland Fisheries and Agriculture, under Central Sponsored Scheme, submitted by the State of Chhattisgarh to Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fishery, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India; and

(b) the amount given to the State out of this and by when the balance amount would be given along with the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) A proposal for release of Rs. 161.25 lakh for development of freshwater aquaculture has been received from the Government of Chhattisgarh for 2011-12 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture". An amount of Rs. 81 lakh has been released as first installment. No request for the release of balance amount has been received from the State Government.

Implementation of IDDP in Bihar

3902. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar has submitted any proposal under Intensive Dairy Development Programme (IDDP);

(b) if so, the details of districts in Bihar where the State Government intends to implement this programme; and

(c) the current status of the proposal?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.