

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Regulation of cotton seeds prices**

2016. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether bringing cotton seeds under ECA and Government's intention to deregulate its prices will only help private seeds companies to take undue advantage of the situation;

(b) whether Government is willing to make rules to regulate the prices of cotton seeds under provision of ECA;

(c) whether re-introduction of cotton seeds under ECA is not against the policies of reforms, liberalization and market-led economy and WTO obligations; and

(d) whether Government would consider empowering States to regulate the Bt. Cotton seeds prices if it is not regulating them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Cotton seed has been brought under the purview of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to protect the interest of cotton producing farmers by regulating the production, supply, distribution and quality of cotton seeds.

(b) At present, there is no proposal with the Government to make rules to regulate the prices of seeds including cotton seeds.

(c) Re-introduction of cotton seeds under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 is only to regulate production, supply, distribution and quality of cotton seeds and not to regulate the prices of cotton seeds.

(d) There is no such proposal before the Government at present.

Implementation of BGREI Scheme

2017. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made under the 'Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India' (BGREI) scheme, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the increase in agricultural production in the States covered under the BGREI scheme, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government is proposing any additional measures to increase the agricultural output in the Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) The programme of Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) is a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) being implemented in seven eastern States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh (Eastern) and West Bengal since 2010-11. The details of State-wise and year-wise allocation of funds made under the programme are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

| Sl. No. | State | Funds Allocated During the Year | | |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
| 1 | Assam | 35.00 | 33.32 | 95.50 |
| 2 | Bihar | 63.94 | 55.33 | 119.25 |
| 3 | Chhattisgarh | 67.15 | 55.21 | 131.50 |
| 4 | Jharkhand | 29.60 | 31.68 | 59.00 |
| 5 | Odisha | 79.67 | 62.62 | 217.25 |
| 6 | Uttar Pradesh (Eastern) | 57.27 | 85.66 | 105.50 |
| 7 | West Bengal | 102.37 | 72.20 | 269.00 |
| | TOTAL STATES | 435.00 | 396.02 | 997.00 |

(b) State-wise and year-wise production of Rice of BGREI States from 2009-10 to 2012-13, are as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

| Sl. No. | State | 2009-10 (Base year) | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 2nd Advance Estimates | Increase in production during 2012-13 over 2009-10 |
|---------|-------|------------------------|---------|---------|--|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1. | Assam | 43.36 | 47.37 | 45.16 | 47.68 | 4.32 |
| 2. | Bihar | 35.99 | 31.02 | 71.63 | 67.68 | 31.69 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | 41.10 | 61.59 | 60.28 | 62.46 | 21.36 |
| 4. | Jharkhand | 15.38 | 11.10 | 31.31 | 34.84 | 19.46 |
| 5. | Odisha | 69.18 | 68.28 | 58.07 | 75.61 | 6.43 |
| 6. | Uttar Pradesh | 108.07 | 119.92 | 140.22 | 135.55 | 27.48 |
| 7. | West Bengal | 143.41 | 130.46 | 146.06 | 132.39 | (-) 11.02 |
| TOTAL (for Seven States) | | 456.49 | 469.74 | 552.73 | 556.21 | 99.72 |

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the enthusiastic results of the implementation of BGREI programme, an allocation of Rs. 1,000 crore has been announced for the programme in the Budget Speech for the year 2013-14. In addition, National Food security Mission (NFSM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) etc. are also being implemented in BGREI States for increasing agricultural output.

International seminar on hybrid rice

2018. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has organized any international seminar on hybrid rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last four years and the outcome thereof, particularly in Hyderabad; and

(c) the implementation of such outcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 6th International Symposium on hybrid rice was held at Hyderabad during September 10-12, 2012. It was jointly organized by the International Rice Research Institute, Philippines; Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi and Directorate of Rice Research (DRR), Hyderabad. This symposium is held once in four years and the previous one *i.e.* 5th symposium was held in China in 2008.

Following major recommendations emerged during the 6th International Hybrid Rice Symposium held in Hyderabad: