

(b) to (d) The sowing window for paddy is still open and it is too early to assess total production of paddy in the country during 2014-15. However, to minimize the impact of delayed/deficit rainfall on production of kharif foodgrains including paddy/rice, a number of contingency measures have been taken by the Government. The States have prepared district-wise Contingency Plans in consultation with Central Research Institute of Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), State Agricultural Universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Besides, they have also been asked to ensure availability of Seeds of shorter duration, drought tolerant varieties and alternate crops, availability of fertilisers, power supply and other critical inputs in time.

Assistance for agricultural schemes in Bihar

2467. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance or grants are being provided by Central Government for various agricultural schemes in Bihar;

(b) if so, the amount of money being provided for those schemes; and

(c) the details of the funds yet to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) to (c) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is providing financial assistance under various agricultural missions/schemes to Bihar. A Statement indicating their names, funds allocated during 2014-15 and released up to date is in given below:

Statement

Allocation and Releases during 2014-15 to Bihar up to date under various Agricultural Missions/Schemes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(₹ in core)			
Sl. No.	Name of Missions/ Schemes	Allocation	Amount Released
1	2	3	4
1.	National Food Security Mission (NFSM)	74.39	37.57
2.	National Mission on OilSeeds & Oil Palm (NMOOP)	2.31	0.81
3.	National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)		
	(i) Rainfed Area Development	10.00	5.00
	(ii) On Farm Water Management	70.00	0.00

1	2	3	4
4.	National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (NMAET)		
	(i) Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension	25.84	0.00
	(ii) Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization	9.81	0.98
5.	Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)		
	(i) National Horticulture Mission	42.50	0.00
	(ii) National Bamboo Mission	0.76	0.00
6.	Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)	564.55	0.00
7.	Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Census, Economics and Statistics (ISACE and S)		
	(i) Agri Census	3.00	0.05

Dairy farming in Bihar

†2468. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for increasing the production and capacity of dairy farming in Bihar;

(b) whether Government has formulated any plan to provide loans to dairy producers on reasonable rate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Government of India has formulated following schemes for increasing milk production and capacity of dairy farming in the country including Bihar:

- (i) National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development
- (ii) National Dairy Plan-I
- (iii) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme.

(b) and (c) The Department has been implementing “Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme” through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) throughout the country under which back ended capital subsidy (25% of the total sanctioned project cost for General Category and 33.33% for Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste beneficiaries) is provided through eligible financial institutions subject to the norms of the scheme in order to subsidise the loan.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.