

(d) Proposals for World Bank assistance are submitted by the sectoral line Ministries and State Governments. Based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission (for Central Sector Projects) and central line Ministry (for State sector projects), a Screening Committee in Department of Economic Affairs decides the projects that need to be posed to World Bank for assistance.

#### **Development of quality wheat breed**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that agro scientist K.V. Prabhu of Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed a breed of wheat, namely HD-2967, by which farmers have earned enormously through its production and quality husk;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts being made, State-wise, to enhance its production at a large scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN) : (a) and (b) The wheat variety HD 2967 was developed by a team of scientists of Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi namely, DRs. B.S. Malik, R.K. Sharma, Rajbir Yadav, G.P. Singh, V. Tiwari, A.P. Sethi, Rajiv K. Sharma, V.C. Sinha and Neelu Jain, with signatures of Dr. K.V. Prabhu as Head of the department, Joint Director, and Director of IARI. It possesses field-resistance to yellow rust, leaf rust and stem rust. It is suitable for timely sown-irrigated conditions of North West Plain Zone (Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Western Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kathua region of J&K, Una district and Paonta valley of Himachal Pradesh, Tarai region of Uttarakhand) and North Eastern Plain Zone (Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam and plains of North Eastern States). Its average grain yield is 51.0 q/ha. Variety HD-2967 produces white, soft and non-brittle quality straw.

(c) Seed of HD-2967 was distributed for on-farm demonstration to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Non-Government Organizations and voluntary agencies through national extension programme of IARI in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar.

National Agricultural Research System consisting of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities have taken up large scale breeder seed production to support the seed chain and seed production by various agencies of different

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states to ensure timely availability of quality seed to the farmers. Breeder seed production has increased from 327 quintals in 2012-13 to 1947 quintals in 2013-14. Further, Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed MoUs with 36 seed companies/seed growers to supplement seed production of HD-2967.

#### **Development of fisheries**

629. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the ongoing schemes for development of fisheries in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released during the last three years and the current year for development of this sector, Statewise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for promoting export of aqua products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN) : (a) and (b) The Department is implementing the following Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes for Development of fisheries in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on “Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture”.
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on “Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations”.
- (iii) Central Sector Scheme on “Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System (GIS) of the Fisheries Sector”.
- (iv) Central Sector Scheme on “National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen”.
- (v) Central Sector Scheme on “National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)”.

The above mentioned ongoing schemes are implemented through State Governments. The amount sanctioned and released during the last three years and the current year for development of this sector, statewise is given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) In addition to above schemes, the Government is also implementing a number of programs/schemes for promotion of exports of aqua products in the country such as assistance scheme for new farm development and hatcheries, assistance to fishermen for better preservation of catch, promotion of fishing of tuna and other under exploited resources, financial assistance for the construction of new tuna long liners, on-board and off-shore training on fishing, commercial development of ornamental fish.