

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir. To improve the railway network in the State of Jharkhand, Railways have taken up 21 major rail network expansion projects comprising ten New Lines, ten Doublings and one Gauge Conversion falling fully/partly in Jharkhand at an anticipated cost of ₹ 15368 crores. These projects are at various stages of completion. In addition to this, nine Doubling projects falling fully/partly in Jharkhand have been included in this year's Railway Budget at an estimated cost of ₹ 10148 crore subject to requisite approval of Government. It is Railways' endeavour to complete these projects on priority. With the progressive commissioning of these projects rail network in Jharkhand is bound to improve substantially.

With regard to development of Ranchi railway station it has been decided now to offer stations, which would include, *inter alia*, Ranchi Jn. station, for redevelopment to international standards on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. The entire cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the station.

(b) At present, 13351/13352 Dhanbad-Alappuzha Express (daily) is available between Dhanbad/Ranchi and Alappuzha *via* Chennai Central. Though introduction of train between Ranchi and Thiruvananthapuram is not feasible, at present, introduction of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways keeping in view operational feasibility, commercial viability, availability of resources etc.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Farm subsidy to farming community

481. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much farm subsidies and grants have been allocated by Government to the farming community since the last five years;

(b) whether the poor and marginal farmers are not being benefited by the subsidy, if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government is considering any method to introduce new schemes/programmes to provide direct benefit to the farming community, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Farm subsidy/financial assistance is provided to farm community including poor and marginal farmers for farm inputs and farm machinery etc. under some Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC). Details indicating allocation made during last five years under various schemes/missions of DAC is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

Subsidy on Urea and 22 grades of Phosphatic and Potassic (P & K) fertilizers is passed on to farmers through fertilizer companies in the form of lower MRP, which is much below the delivered cost. While Urea is provided at Government fixed price of ₹ 5360/- MT (excluding taxes etc.), the P & K fertilizers are provided to farmers at subsidized prices based on the nutrient content on each grade of P and K fertilizer. The fertilizers subsidy paid during the last five year is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) of DAC, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) programme is being implemented from 2015-16 for resource conservation technologies/tools; efficient water application tools; acquiring assets under local initiatives and marketing support components. States may also include such components as per feasibility.

Department of Fertilizer (DoF) is planning to introduce direct transfer of fertilizer subsidy to farmers on the basis of recommendations made by a High Level Committee (HLC) formed under the Department of Food and Public Distribution, which has suggested to move from product based subsidy to direct subsidy transfer linked to size of land of the farmer at flat rate of INR 7000/-per ha. However, implementation of this proposal requires resolution on decontrol of Urea, identification of beneficiaries and scale of entitlements which have also been communicated to the HLC.

#### ***Statement-I***

*Allocation of funds made during last five years under various schemes of  
Department of Agriculture and Cooperation*

(₹ in crore)

| Sl. No. | Name of Scheme/<br>Programme  | Allocation of funds |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|         |   | 2010-11             | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
| 1       | 2   | 3                   | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       |
| 1.      | National Mission on Oilseeds and Oilpalm (NMOOP) previously known as (ISOPOM) | 509.00              | 562.00  | 584.50  | 507.00  | 433.00  |

| 1  | 2  | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       |
|----|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2. | National Agro-forestry and Bamboo Mission (earlier named as National Bamboo Mission)   | 114.66  | 110.27  | 111.81  | 142.53  | 114.93  |
| 3. | National Food Security Mission (NFSM)  | 1553.75 | 1377.13 | 2101.28 | 2599.96 | 2606.53 |
| 4. | Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)                                     | 435.00  | 400.00  | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| 5. | Seed Village Programme component of Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)* | 157.99  | 216.31  | 139.10  | 186.23  | 108.50  |
| 6. | Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)                              | 1334.24 | 1248.41 | 1297.18 | 1446.56 | 1554.12 |
| 7. | Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) started <i>w.e.f.</i> 2014-15         | -       | -       | -       | -       | 191.93  |

\*Figures are of release amount (since no allocation is made).

### *Statement-II*

*Details showing fertilizers subsidy paid during the last five years*

| Financial Year | Imp. Urea | Imp. P & K | Ind. P & K | Ind. Urea |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2010-11        | 9255.95   | 20850.00   | 20650.00   | 15080.73  |
| 2011-12        | 17475.00  | 16571.92   | 20237.49   | 20285.44  |
| 2012-13        | 20016.00  | 14576.10   | 16000.00   | 20000.00  |
| 2013-14        | 15353.30  | 13926.86   | 15500.00   | 26500.00  |
| 2014-15        | 16200.00  | 8667.30    | 12000.00   | 38200.10  |