

The benchmark for initiating relief measures by banks has also been reduced to 33% crop loss in line with the National Disaster Management Framework.

In addition, the Government is implementing several Centrally Sponsored Schemes *viz.* National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH); National Mission on Oilseeds and Oilpalm (NMOOP); National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA); National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

MSP is also notified for both Kharif and Rabi crops based on the recommendations of the Commission on Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP). The Commission collects and analyses data on cost of cultivation and recommends Minimum Support Price (MSP).

Further the Government undertakes procurement of wheat and paddy under its 'MSP operations'. In addition, Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities not covered under the Minimum Price Support Scheme on the request of State/UT Government. The MIS is implemented in order to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop when the prices tend to fall below the economic level/cost of production.

#### **Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NER**

4018. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Farmers Producer Company (FPC) under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region;

(b) the name of the resource agencies hired to provide training, documentation and certification of crop production to Farmers Producer Company under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region; and

(c) the total amount released under the Mission in 2016-17?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) A total of 100 Farmers Producer Company (FPC) are targeted to be created under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region.

(b) The details of the names of resources agencies in details are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) During 2015-16 an amount of ₹ 112.11 crore has been released to the States. During 2016-17 an amount of ₹ 47.63 crore has been released to the States. The details are given in Statement-II.

**Statement-I**

*Details of names of resources agencies*

Sl. No.	States	Clusters/FIGs/Farmers Target			Achievements		Name of Agency Selected for Service Providers (Third party)	Name of Agency Identified for Organic Certification
		Target Area	Target Clusters	Target Farmers	Clusters Formed	Farmers Mobilized		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	5000	250	5000	248	4960	1. SIMFED, 2. Symbiotic, Guwahati, and 3. OPTU Engineering and Agro services, Arunachal Pradesh	Under process
2.	Assam	5000	250	5000	261	5136	Shell Biotech Ltd., New Delhi	Symbiotic, Guwahati
3.	Manipur	5000	250	5000	213	5000	1. Green Foundation, 2. Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS), 3. Aromatic and Medicinal Plants Socio Economic Development Society (AMPSEDS), and 4. The Garden Care.	One-Cert Asia Agri. Certification Pvt. Ltd., (HQ – Jaipur, India)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4.	Mizoram	7000	350	7000	182	5350	ATMA	Ecocert India Pvt. Ltd.
5.	Meghalaya	6000	300	6000	359	5385	Department of Horticulture	1. SGS, India, 2. Fair Cert
6.	Nagaland	6000	300	6000	280	5928	Agri field staff, ATMA team, NGO	One-Cert Asia Agri. Certification Pvt. Ltd.,
7.	Sikkim	14000	700	14000	514	5700	IPL, Morarka, Mevedir, Sresta, SIMFED, Organic-Sikkim, CONCEDE	Lacon, One-Cert, IMO, Eco-cert, SGS
8.	Tripura	2000	100	2000	132	2510	Sikkim State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd. (SIMFED)	One-Cert Asia
TOTAL		50000	2500	50000	2189	39969		

**Statement-II***State-wise budget allocation and released during 2015-16 and 2016-17*

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	States	Target of FPCs	Area Targeted in ha.	Amount released 2015-16	Amount released 2016-17
1.	Assam	10	5000	2207.32	231.98
2.	Manipur	10	5000	803.73	736.79
3.	Meghalaya	12	6000	1293.22	463.05
4.	Nagaland	12	6000	627.86	1244.85
5.	Mizoram	14	7000	913.34	969.09
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	10	5000	779.31	522.65
7.	Sikkim	28	14000	4216.08	-
8.	Tripura	4	2000	370.13	594.24
TOTAL		100	50000	11210.99	4762.65

**Problems faced by millet growers**

4019. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Convention on millets took place recently in Delhi to discuss over the prevailing millets situation in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the opinions exchanged among the participants and Government and their concerns over the problems being faced by millets growers in the country; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to safeguard the interests of millets growers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The 5th National Convention on Millets was organized by Deccan Development Society during November, 29-30, 2016 at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) at Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi.