

Production hubs for cow milk and agri-produces

1154. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on a proposal to set up production hubs for cow milk, vegetables and other agri-produces near metro cities to boost their supply; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has held discussion with the State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply at (a).

Scheme to increase agricultural production

1155. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme to increase agricultural production in the country in future, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the tentative cost for implementing the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) and (b) Government of India is implementing various crop development schemes for increasing production and productivity of the crops in the country viz. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) on rice, wheat, pulses, coarse cereals and Commercial Crops (cotton, jute and sugarcane); Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) and Crop Diversification Programme (CDP). National Food Security Mission was launched in 2007-08 to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of Eleventh Plan through area expansion and productivity enhancement, restoring soil fertility and productivity; creating employment opportunities; and enhancing farm level economy. The Mission is being continued during Twelfth Five Year Plan with new target of additional production of 25 million tonnes of food grains comprising of 10 million tonnes rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat, 4 million tonnes of pulses and 3 million tonnes of coarse cereals by the end of Twelfth Plan.

Year-wise financial details under NFSM, BGREI and CDP are given in the Statement.