

authentication/any other technical reasons. Also no person/households shall be deleted from the list of eligible household database only for reason of non-possession of Aadhaar number by beneficiary/ration card holder.

Following the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 26.09.2018, regarding requirement of Aadhaar for receiving any subsidy, benefit or service under the welfare scheme of the Government, it has been re-iterated *vide* this Department instructions dated 08.11.2018 that no genuine beneficiary shall be denied subsidized foodgrains on the grounds of non-possession of Aadhaar.

Further, no incidence of cancellation of priority ration cards for want of Aadhaar number leading to death of any beneficiary has been reported to this Department.

#### **Requirement of quality seeds**

\*67. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand of quality seeds has been increasing over the last three years, if so, the details of demand for quality seeds in the country for current year and last three years;

(b) in what manner the requirement of seeds during natural calamities like flood, drought, etc., would be met and details of seeds reserved in the National Seed Reserve;

(c) whether Government provides financial assistance to States and seed-producing agencies for production and distribution of seeds, if so, details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the crop development programmes/schemes meant for production and distribution of seeds, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) The demand of quality seeds in the Country for the current year and last three years as reported by the States is 337.09 lakh quintals in 2015-16, 353.49 lakh quintals in 2016-17, 371.38 lakh quintals in 2017-18 and 353.55 lakh quintals in 2018-19.

(b) To meet the demand of seeds during the natural calamities like flood and drought etc., the stress tolerant rice varieties *i.e.* flood tolerant, drought tolerant and salt tolerant paddy seeds and short and medium duration crop varieties seeds are produced and distributed to the farmers. The details of seeds reserved in the National

Seed Reserve during last three years and current year is are given in Statement-I (See below).

(c) The Government of India provides the financial assistance to the States and seed producing agencies for production and distribution of seeds through various ongoing crop development programmes/schemes viz. National Food Security Mission, Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials), etc. State wise and scheme wise details of financial assistance provided during current year are given Statement-II (See below).

(d) The details of various crop development programmes/schemes for production and distribution of seeds are given in Statement-III.

**Statement-I**

*Details of seeds reserved in the National Seed Reserve  
during last three years and current year*

		(Qty in qtls.)			
Sl.No.	Name of the State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
1	Andhra Pradesh	18260	22910	23100	23900
2	Assam	31500	43500	45500	40000
3	Bihar	6550	1700	5900	5900
4	Chhattisgarh	5000	6000	6000	6000
5	NSC	87421	88485	106400	101446
6	Gujarat	6350	2243	4170	4825
7	Haryana	1553	1175	6007	7029
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	305	300	0
9	Karnataka	22200	18300	17879	17689
10	Kerala	4000	2000	4000	4000
11	Madhya Pradesh	27610	29919	31864	30234
12	Maharashtra	13547	14507	14818	16430
13	Odisha	0	4000	4000	6200
14	Punjab	1000	1000	2000	6000
15	Rajasthan	5109	5765	5593	9128
16	Tamil Nadu	0	4300	0	0

Sl.No.	Name of the State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
17	Telangana	13654	21352	22349	17003
18	Uttar Pradesh	0	3776	11713	14949
19	Uttarakhand	32105	6065	24329	29320
TOTAL		275859	277302	335922	340053

\*Kharif 2018 actual quantity plus Rabi 2018-19 targeted quantity.

### ***Statement-II***

*Details of State-wise funds released under the different crop development programmes during year 2018-19*

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	State	NFSM	NFSM (Oil Seeds)	BGREI	RKVY	MIDH	SMSP
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	61.53	4.18	0.00	17.97	0.00	5.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	105.58	0.00	8.82	19.38	0.00	30.55
4.	Bihar	46.63	0.00	11.38	0.00	0.02	3.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	78.58	0.93	13.26	15.00	0.00	5.87
6.	Goa	0.00	00.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Gujarat	10.63	3.98	0.00	107.45	0.10	0.67
8.	Haryana	11.42	0.00	0.00	13.30	3.62	0.005
9.	Himachal Pradesh	9.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.16
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	6.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.57
11.	Jharkhand	41.77	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.05	0.00
12.	Karnataka	74.70	2.61	0.00	2.30	0.02	0.63
13.	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	104.37	1.90	0.00	39.10	0.00	15.00
15.	Maharashtra	61.89	12.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.37
16.	Manipur	7.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
17.	Meghalaya	4.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55
18.	Mizoram	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19.	Nagaland	14.14	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30
20.	Odisha	81.83	1.03	12.71	0.00	0.00	1.00
21.	Punjab	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22.	Puducherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.001
23.	Sikkim	8.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47
24.	Rajasthan	112.50	7.03	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00
25.	Tamil Nadu	55.12	4.61	0.00	1.00	0.00	14.76
26.	Telangana	9.61	0.15	0.00	57.36	0.00	4.00
27.	Tripura	17.84	0.04	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00
28.	Uttar Pradesh	114.99	0.36	10.89	59.10	0.00	4.81
29.	Uttarakhand	17.69	0.01	0.00	6.41	0.00	3.50
30.	West Bengal	83.42	0.00	11.14	4.72	0.00	0.97
TOTAL		1150.57	39.60	69.70	343.40	4.08	136.28
CENTRAL SEED PRODUCING AGENCIES		178.51	75.95	0.00	0.00	12.49	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		1329.08	115.55	69.70	343.40	16.57	136.28

**Statement-III**

*The details of financial assistance provided various crop Development  
Programmes/Schemes for production and distribution of seeds*

Sl. No.	Scheme/ Component	Crop	Scale of Assistance
1	2	3	4
1.	National Food Security Mission	Rice and Wheat	Assistance of ₹ 20/- per kg or 50% of the cost, whichever is less for distribution of certified seeds for less than 10 years old varieties and ₹ 10/- per kg or 50% of the cost, for more than 10 years old varieties. ₹ 10,000/- per quintal or 50% of seeds cost whichever is less for certified seeds of hybrid rice distribution.

1	2	3	4
		Pulses	Assistance of ₹ 5000/- per quintal or 50% of cost whichever is less for distribution certified seeds for less than 10 years old varieties and ₹ 2500/- per quintal or 50% of cost for more than 10 years old varieties.
		Nutri cereals	(a) Assistance of ₹ 3000/quintals for certified seed production and distribution of millets for less than 10 years old and ₹ 1500/quintal for more than 10 years old. (b) Assistance of ₹ 3000/- per quintal or 50% of cost whichever is less for Maize certified seeds distribution for less than 10 years old varieties and ₹ 1500/- per quintal or 50% for more than 10 years old varieties. (c) Full cost of Seed Minikits of high yielding varieties of Millets which are less than 10 years.
		Hybrid seed	₹ 10000/- per quintal or 50% of cost of seeds whichever is less for certified hybrid seeds of distribution Jowar, Bajra and maize for less than 10 years old varieties.
2.	NFSM- Oil Seeds and Oil Palm	All oilseeds, hybrid seeds Oil Palm sprouts cultivation cost as assistance for gestation period for oil palm.	(a) Full cost for purchase of Breeder Seed. (b) 50% of the cost with a ceiling of ₹ 40 per Kg. of certified seeds except sesame which are not older than 10 years for distribution and ₹ 8000/- per quintal for hybrids and variety of sesame not older than 15 years. (c) Full cost of Seed Minikits of less than 10 years. (d) 85% of cost of planting material with a ceiling of ₹ 12000/ha. for entire land holding for oil palm.

1	2	3	4
			(e) 50% cost during gestation period for 4 years with ceiling of ₹ 20,000/ per ha. for oil palm.
		Assistance for production of foundation Seeds	₹ 2500 per quintal for all varieties/ hybrids released during last 10 years and additional assistance of ₹ 100/quintal on the varieties /Hybrids released in last 5 years.
		Assistance for production of certified seeds	₹ 2500 per quintal for all varieties/ hybrids released during last 10 years and additional assistance of ₹ 100/- quintal on the varieties/Hybrids released in last 5 years.
3.	Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI)	Rice and Wheat	<b>Distribution of seeds</b> (a) ₹ 20/- per kg. or 50% of the cost, whichever is less for certified seed of high yielding varieties distribution for less than 10 years old varieties and ₹ 10/- kg for more than 10 years old varieties (b) ₹ 10,000/- per quintal or 50% of seeds cost whichever is less for certified hybrid rice seeds distribution.
		Rice and Wheat	<b>Production of seeds</b> The assistance for production of seeds @ ₹ 1,000 per qtl. for HYVs of paddy and wheat and ₹ 5,000 per qtl. for paddy hybrid for less than 10 years old from the year 2015-16 onwards.
4.	RKVY	All Crops	All activities including Seed Infrastructure
5.	Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials (SMSP)	Seed Village Programme	To upgrade the quality of farmer saved seed financial assistance for distribution of foundation/certified seeds @ 50% cost of the seeds for Cereals crops and 60% for oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops is provided for one acre of area per farmer for production of quality seeds

1	2	3	4
			and Assistance for Farmers Training @ ₹ 15000/- for a group of 50-150 farmers and Seed treating/dressing drums is also provided.
	Certified seed production through Seed Village		Financial assistance for distribution of foundation seeds @ 75% cost of the seeds of oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops and training @ ₹ 15000/- for a group of 50-150 farmers is provided.

**Implementation of MSP as per Swaminathan  
Committee recommendation**

\*68. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set Minimum Support Price (MSP) at 1.5 times of the comprehensive cost, as per recommendation of Swaminathan Committee, if so, the details thereof and by when the Committee's recommendation would be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal for implementation of the above recommendation of the Swaminathan Committee, if so, the details thereof and the response thereto; and

(c) whether market price for 10 out of 14 Kharif crops was lower than MSP announced by Government, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) National Commission on Farmers (NCF) headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan had recommended that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) should be at least 50 per cent more than the weighted average cost of production. However, when the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 was finalized by the then Government, this recommendation of providing 50 per cent returns over cost of production was not included.

While recommending MSPs, CACP considers the cost of production and host of factors such as demand-supply situation, trends in domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors and the likely impact of MSP on consumers and overall economy along with rational