

Measures to improve yield of crops

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any measures to improve the yield of different crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the impact of the measures taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, In order to improve production and productivity of different crops, a number of Crop Development Programmes/Schemes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) and Crop Diversification Programme (CDP); sub-schemes of RKVY, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) etc., are being implemented by Government of India through the State Government in the country.

Assistance is being provided under these programmes/schemes through various interventions *viz.*, cluster demonstrations with latest crop production technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production and distribution of latest varieties/hybrids, integrated nutrient and pest management, improved farm machineries/tools, water saving devices, cropping system based trainings to farmers etc.

The implementation of these Crop Development Programmes has boosted the production primarily through increase in yield of crops during 2018-19 (4th Advance Estimates of Directorate of Economics and Statistics) as compared to 2015-16 as is evident from the following table;

(Production in million tonnes)

Sl. No.	Crops	2015-16	2018-19
1	Rice	104.41	116.42
2	Wheat	92.29	102.19
3	Pulses	16.32	23.40
4	Coarse cum Nutri Cereals	38.52	42.95