

Statement-V*Statement of Expenditure from 2015-16 to 2018-19*

(₹ in crores)

Year	Imported P&K	Indigenous P&K	City Compost	Imported Urea	Indigenous Urea
2015-16	9968.56	11969	0	16400	38200
2016-17	6999.99	11842.88	0.55	11256.59	40000
2017-18	7900	14337	7.26	9980	36973.7
2018-19	9260	14820.35	10	17155.36	32189.5

**Production of pulses, foodgrains and edible oils in
West Bengal**

3047. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects carried out to support and improve production of pulses, foodgrains and essential edible oils in West Bengal;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the above purpose during the last five years;

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate financial, logistic and technical support to West Bengal to improve production of pulses, foodgrains and essential edible oils; and

(d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the above purpose during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (d) Government of India is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely National Food Security Mission (NFSM) to support and improve production of pulses, foodgrains and essential edible oils in the country including West Bengal through area expansion and productivity enhancement.

The programmes of NFSM-Pulses, NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Coarse Cereals, NFSM-Nutri-Cereals; and NFSM-Oilseeds and Oil-Palm are being implemented in West Bengal.

Under these programmes, assistance is being provided to the farmers through State Governments for cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstrations on cropping system, seed production and distribution of HYVs, farm machineries/resource conservation machineries/tools, efficient water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/soil ameliorants, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc.

In order to boost the production of pulses in the country including West Bengal, new initiatives like additional breeder seed production, creation of seed hubs by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)/State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), supply of seed minikits free of cost to the farmers, conducting frontline demonstrations on improved latest package of practices by ICAR/SAUs/ KVKs. Similarly, for enhancing the production of oilseeds in the country including West Bengal, the above initiatives are being undertaken except for production of additional breeder seeds.

The details of funds allocated, released and utilised in respect of the State Government of West Bengal under the above programmes during last five years is as under:—

(` in crore)

Financial Year	Allocation	Release	Expenditure*
2014-15	78.56	60.35	75.74
2015-16	51.05	42.98	40.37
2016-17	71.15	61.02	57.52
2017-18	147.06	126.77	117.22
2018-19	161.44	122.32	124.88

*This includes unspent balance.