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PRICE MONITORING MECHANISM IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

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(OIH)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent to which the financial assistance provided for improving price monitoring mechanism in Mizoram, Nagaland, Assam and Tripura has proved to be effective;
- (b) whether there are any plans to extend the scope of price monitoring scheme to other North Eastern States as well;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the targeted initiatives or pilot programmes to facilitate adoption of modern agricultural technologies for production of pulses and horticultural crops in North Eastern States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken to ensure active participation of women and marginalized groups in agriculture and food distribution sectors?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) to (c) : A total of 87 price reporting centres have been set up by the Governments of all the 8 (eight) North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, till date, and financial assistance are provided to the respective State Governments for effective operation of the centres. All the North Eastern States have been covered under the scope of price monitoring mechanism.

(d) to (f) : To increase pulses production, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DAFW) implements the National Food Security Mission Programme (NFSM) in identified districts across the country. Under NFSM-Pulses assistance is given to farmers for interventions like cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstrations on cropping system, distribution of seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/ hybrids, improved farm machineries, efficient water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/ soil ameliorants, processing and post-harvest equipment, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc. through State Governments. In addition, the certified seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/ hybrids of pulses are provided in the form of seed minikits at free of cost to the farmers. Under NFSM, trainings are provided to farmers including SC, ST and women farmers to create awareness on improved technology for increasing production and productivity of crops.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also implements Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) to harness the immense potential of organic farming in the North Eastern states of India covering cereals, pulses, horticultural crops etc. The mission is designed to develop certified organic production in a value chain mode, ensuring a seamless connection between organic growers and consumers.