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Ranchi, Dated April, 2010

Dear P.K.,

**Sub: Addition of more districts of Jharkhand under National Food Security Mission-Rice- regarding.**

**Ref: Decision taken in the meeting held on 29.6.2009 in Ranchi under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India & Our letter no. 5238, dated 06.08.2009**

With regards to the subject mentioned above, it is submitted that rice, a major rain dependent food crop in Jharkhand occupying an area of 16 lakh, is grown in different topo-sequence viz. upland, midland & low land. Tribal population of the State is largely dependent on paddy crop. However its productivity is low (1.8 t/ha) against national average (2.1 t/ha). Several constraints such as delayed seeding in upland as well as delayed transplanting in mid/low land owing to delay in south-west monsoon coupled with moisture stress during growing period, low seed replacement, low fertilizer consumption, lack of weeds diseases and pests management are responsible for low rice production and productivity in the region.

National Food Security Mission to enhance the production and productivity of rice in Jharkhand is running only in five districts, namely Gumla, Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Simdega and West Singhbhum. However, there is a need to expand the coverage of this programme.

There is scope of increasing production of Rice through area expansion and productivity enhancement in a sustainable manner in Dumka, East Singhbhum, Saraikela, Giridih, Dhanbad, Jamtara, Deoghar and Godda districts.

The area, production and Productivity in these districts have been depicted in Table 1.

**Table-1**

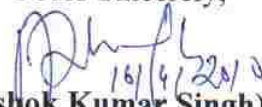
S. No.	District	2006-07			2007-08			2008-09		
		A	P	Y	A	P	Y	A	P	Y
1	E. Singhbhum	106.591	149227	1400	119.87	355078	2962	112.358	303940	2714
2	Saraikela	83.00	120350	1450	91.30	178035	1950	91.30	205425	2250
3	Dumka	128.470	297408	2315	101.80	261830	2572	103.995	256857	2470
4	Jamtara	38.710	580.65	1500	42.154	68079	1615	44.193	11821	2675

5	Deoghar	48.73	93884	1927	48.835	99721	2042	49.005	149832	3058
6	Godda	67.188	169517	2523	45.943	121657	2648	46.712	143743	3077
7	Giridih	68.390	170975	2500	77.428	116149	1500	75.465	229665	3343
8	Dhanbad	45.164	119865	2654	50.431	127143	2536	50.698	125142	2468
9	Khunti	Previously included under Ranchi district								
10	Ramgarh	Previously included under Hazaribagh district								

It is, therefore requested that Dumka, East Singhbhum, Saraikela, Giridih, Dhanbad, Jamtara, Deoghar, Godda and Khunti & Ramgarh (newly created district & after division of NFSM-Rice district under NFSM-Rice) may be included in the list NFSM districts in the State.

The decision in this regard may be communicated.

Yours Sincerely,

  
16/4/2010  
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