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### Supply of millets under PDS proposed

Staff Reporter

*It will be done on an experimental basis, says Central government official*

SANGAREDDY: A senior officer of the Union government has proposed to supply millets in place of rice at Zaheerabad area in Medak district. This will be done on experimental basis in villages where millet consuming is a regular food habit.

Though the proposal has been received well by women in the area, they have sought some time to get back.

B.K. Sinha, Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India, visited Medak district for two days ending Friday.

Interacts with women

Mr. Singh, during his stay at Pastapoor, the activity centre of the Deccan Development Society (DDS), interacted with the women and made this proposal.

"We will by the millets from you and in return supply them to you again under public distribution system in the place of rice. Is it acceptable to you?" he asked them.

Long-felt demand

Though DDS had been long demanding inclusion of millets in the Public District System(PDS), it was sudden surprise for them.

The women also requested the officer to provide them work all the 365 days under any scheme or mix of various schemes.

Visits villages

He also visited some villages where cultivation under non-pesticide management had been taking place and expressed satisfaction over the progress, according to sources.

Mr. Sinha was accompanied by Reddy Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Rural Deveopment, Andhra Pradesh, Jayalakshmi, Commissioner, Collector S. Suresh Kumar, Project Director, District Rural Development Agency P. Ravinder and other officials.

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