

[Translation]

*respect of reducing the production cost?***High Yielding Varieties of Seeds**

1818 SHRIMATIKESHARBAISONAJI KASHIRSAGAR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the area of land available for the production of high yielding varieties of seeds for the farmers State wise

(b) the progress made in regard to increase the production of seeds by the agriculture Universities and

(c) the benefits derived by the farmers from the agriculture oriented schemes in

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) The area of land available for the production of high yielding varieties of seeds for the farmers in different States is not monitored. The actual allocation of land for the production of high yielding varieties of seeds may vary and would depend upon the requirement of seeds. However, the area offered for the foundation and certified seeds by seed producers to the certification agencies of the various States is monitored. The area and quantity certified since 1989-90 to 1991-92 for foundation and certified seeds is given as under

<i>Area certified</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>	<i>1991-92</i>
	<i>(in 000 Hectares)</i>		
Foundation seeds	41.8	36.8	30.9
Certified seeds	371.5	288.2	262.7
Quantity (in lakh quintals)			
Foundation seeds	5.1	5.9	2.4
Certified seeds	36.8	30.8	21.2

(b) The main function of the Agricultural Universities in regard to seed production programme is to produce breeder seeds as per requirement. The production of breeder seed has far exceeded the indents submitted to ICAR during the last three years.

(c) One of the functions of the technology is to reduce the unit cost of production. The farmers have been benefited from the adoption of modern technology including

improved practices from higher productivity as also reduced unit cost of production.

[English]

**Amendment to Land Ceiling Act,
1976**

1819 DR D. VENDKATESWARARAO Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state