

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF DURUM WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage the farmers to grow the superior durum wheat of international standard to make a breakthrough in international trading of wheat; and

(b) if so, the incentives proposed to be given to growers/farmers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): To encourage the production of Durum Wheat in the country, Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Crop Development Schemes are being implemented in which seed minikit demonstrations and frontline demonstrations on Durum Wheat varieties are also being organised on the farmers' fields. Besides, specialized training programmes and national level seminar/workshop on wheat production technology including Durum Wheat are also organised.

Durum Wheat varieties are developed for different agro-climatic zones through ICAR Research Systems. These zones are Central and Peninsular part of India and North Western Plains. The grain quality of Durum Wheat varieties produced in Central part of India is superior which can be exported whereas Durum Wheat produced in North Western Plains is having high productivity and fit for use in domestic market.