

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL LOSS TO FARMERS DUE TO JOWAR SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Jowar seeds supplied to the farmers of Maharashtra has failed miserably leading to huge financial losses to the farmers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have ordered any inquiry into the matter; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation Ltd. has reported that 144 Qtls. of certified seeds of Jowar c.v. M-35-1 supplied by them to farmers showed poor field emergence. Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation has reimbursed the cost of seed to the affected farmers.