

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MULTI NATIONAL SEED COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Multi-National Seed Companies (MNCs) are aggressively acquiring Indian Seed Companies with a view to monopolise the seed distribution market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps likely to be taken by the Union Government for restricting foreign participation in seed business ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b). Details of foreign collaboration approvals granted in the seed sector from 01.01.2000 to 31.8.02, including cases of acquisition of shares in Indian Seed Companies by foreign collaborators are enclosed.

(c). Foreign Direct Investment upto 100% is permitted in the seed sector subject to compliance with bio safety guidelines and the provisions contained in the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988.

List of Foreign collaboration cases as approved by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry from January, 2000 to August, 2002.

S.No.	Name of the Indian Company	Item description	Name of the foreign collaborator	equity (Rs.in lakh)	Amount	percentage
1.	Chambal Agri Tech Ltd., New Delhi	Mass multiplication under control environment of high yielding plantlets resulting in miniature seed potatoes.	Technico Pvt. Ltd., Australia	0.00	(0.00%)	
2.	Global Transgenes Ltd., Aurangabad (Mah.)	Transgenic Hybrid cotton seeds.	Chinese Cotton Research Institute, China		Technical case.	
3.	Global Transgenes Ltd., Aurangabad (Mah.)	Transgenic Hybrid rice seeds.	Huazhong Agricultural University, China		Technical case.	
4.	Global Transgenes Ltd., Aurangabad (Mah.)	Transgenic Hybrid cotton seeds.	Chinese Cotton Research Institute, China		Technical case.	
5.	Global Transgenes Ltd., Mumbai (Mah.)	Transgenic Hybrid cotton seeds.	Biocentury Transene Comp. Ltd., China		Technical case.	
6.	Wika Instrument India Pvt. Ltd., Pune.	To set up a wholly owned subsidiary for marketing of seeds.	Wika Alexander Wiegand Gmb & Co., Germany	400.43	(100.00%)	
7.	Unicorn Seeds Ltd., Secunderabad.	Vegetable seeds	Zeraim Gedera Seeds Growers Co. Ltd., Israel		Technical case.	
8.	Adani Wilmar Ltd., Ahmedabad.	Solvent extraction from	Wilmar Investments (Mauritius)	0.00	(0.00%)	

Oilseeds and International
trading of oilseeds.

9. India Seed Holdings Ltd., Developing, producing, India Seed Holdings Ltd., 4320.00 (100.00%)
Hyderabad. processing and marketing of Mauritius.
hybrid seeds.
10. India Seed Holdings Ltd., Developing, producing, India Seed Holdings Ltd., 0.00 (0.00%)
Hyderabad. processing and marketing of Mauritius.
hybrid seeds.
11. India Seed Holdings Ltd., Wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) India Seed Holdings Ltd., 50.00 (100.00%)
Hyderabad. to undertake Research & Mauritius.
Development of hybrid seeds.
12. India Seed Holdings Ltd., Wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) India Seed Holdings Ltd., 4370.00 lakh(0.00%)
Hyderabad. to undertake Research & Mauritius.
Development of hybrid seeds.
13. Hybrid Rice International Growing, raising, processing Biogenetic Technologies 690.00 (61.06%)
Ltd., New Delhi. and selling of hybrid paddy B.V., Netherlands.
seeds.
14. Proagro Seed Company Development and marketing of Biogenetic Technologies 11.11 (100.00%)
Ltd., New Delhi. certified high yielding hybrid Co., Inc. Netherlands.
seeds & Vegetables seeds.
15. Hybrid Rice International Growing, raising, processing Biogenetic Technologies 0.00 (0.00%)
Ltd., New Delhi. and selling of hybrid paddy B.V., Netherlands.
seeds.
16. Spic Agro Biotech Centre, Flower seeds. Schreurs De Kwakel Technical case.
Chennai. B.V., Netherlands.
17. Proagro Seed Company Ltd., Development and marketing of PGS International 5.47 (10.96%)
New Delhi. certified high yielding hybrid N.V., Netherlands.
seeds & Vegetables seeds.
18. Proagro Seed Company Ltd., Development and marketing of PGS International 0.00(0.00%)
New Delhi. certified high yielding hybrid N.V., Netherlands.
seeds & Vegetables seeds.
19. Known Youseed (India) Pvt., Breeding of high quality Known You Seed Co.Ltd.,Taiwan. 80.00 (100.00%)
Ltd., Mumbai. seeds of fruits vegetables.
20. Monsanto Chemicals of India Manufacture of agro chemicals Monsanto Company, USA. 231.74 (72.17%)
Ltd., New Delhi. and seed business.
21. Spic Phi Seeds Ltd., Manufacture of hybrid seeds. Pioneer Overseas Corpn., USA. 45.00 (100.00%)
New Delhi
22. Pioneer Overseas Corpn., WOS for production of parent Pioneer Overseas Corpn.,USA. 1400.00 (100.00%)
New Delhi foundation seeds.
23. Alltech Inc., USA Development, manufacture, Alltech Inc., USA. 70.00 (100.00%)
marketing and trading for the
purpose of seed marketing.

24. Monsanto Holdings Pvt. Research, development, Monsanto (India) Pvt.Ltd.,USA. 0.00 (0.00%)
Ltd., Mumbai. production and sale of hybrid
and improved seeds.
25. Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Co. Hybrid seeds. Monsanto Co., USA. Technical case.
Ltd., Mumbai.
26. Seedworks India Pvt. Wholly subsidiary for research, US Agriseeds Inc., USA. 0.00 (0.00%).
Ltd., Hyderabad. development, production,
marketing and export of seeds.
27. Alltech Inc., USA Development, manufacture, Alltech Inc., USA 0.00 (0.00%).
marketing and trading for the
purpose of seed marketing.
28. Monsanto Holdings Pvt. Manufacture of agro chemicals Monsanto Co., USA. 0.00 (0.00%).
Ltd., Mumbai. and seed business.
29. Monsanto Holdings Pvt. Research, development, Monsanto India Pvt.Ltd.,USA. 0.00 (0.00%).
Ltd., Mumbai. production and sale of hbrid
and improved seeds.
30. Nunhems Proagro Seeds Pvt. WOS for processing improved Unseeds, USA. 1746.74 (0.00%).
Ltd., Hyderabad. open pollinated variety and
hybrid seeds.
31. Zuari Seeds Ltd., Panaji. Deals in seeds. The Instigtute Technical case.
of Field & Vegetables, Yugoslavia.