

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROVISION OF SEEDS MINI KITS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide mini-kits of the varieties of seeds of peas, masur, mung, urad etc. to various States within a span of ten years under the pulse production programme;
- (b) whether the Government are also contemplating to remove the restriction of ten years prescribed for providing `seeds` mini-kits; and
- (c) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (c): Under the National Pulses Development Project, Government are providing minikits of the varieties of seeds released within a span of ten years of peas, masur, mung, urad etc. to various States. The removal of the restriction of ten years old varieties is not under contemplation. However, this restriction is relaxed on a case to case basis to meet special circumstances.