

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL SEEDS GRID
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Seeds Grid by linking all National and State seed producing agencies to ensure that seeds are available on demand by States or farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when the said grid is likely to be set up and start functioning;
- (d) whether there are also plans to produce seeds at State and district level and to create seed villages for seeds replacement; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The National Seeds Grid would provide information the requirement, production and distribution of seeds on a district-wise basis through a computerized network.
- (c): By the end of 10th Plan.
- (d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The Seed Village Programme is being implemented under the Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulse Development Programme (NPDP) for the production of certified seeds of oilseeds and pulse crops. For which assistance of Rs.500 per qtl. is provided to the seed producing farmers.