

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:736
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2000
NATIONAL SEED BANK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a National Seed Bank and Consulting Service in order to advise farmers about uses of various types of seeds and also to sell them at cheaper rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.736 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17th May, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): A Central Sector Scheme for Establishment and Maintenance of Seed Bank is being implemented by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through National Seeds Corporation, State Farms Corporation of India and some State Seed Corporations to meet the sudden demand of seed arising due to various factors like natural calamity, shortfall in production, etc. The Seed Bank of foundation and certified seed of various crops is being maintained by the participating agencies and assistance is provided to them for meeting the expenditure on keeping the seed in the Seed Bank. In addition, assistance will also be provided to various agencies for creation of seed storage, maintenance of Data Bank and strengthening of quality control measures.

(c): Question does not arise.