

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2799  
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PADDY CROPS IN RABI SEASON  
Mediyam Dr. Babu Rao

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have preventing the paddy crops in Rabi season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether `Srivari`, a paddy seed is being encouraged in some parts of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): `Srivari` is not a paddy seed but a method of rice cultivation known as System of Rice Intensification (SRI). During current Rabi season, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up SRI popularization in a massive way. One acre demonstration on SRI is being organized in each Gram Panchayat wherever water regularization is possible. The Government will be providing Sri marker and Cono weeder at subsidized rate to farmers for popularization for popularization of SRI.