

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR SEED PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any scheme for transfer of seed production technology to farmers to help them to produce better quality seeds themselves;
- (b) If so, the details of the said scheme;
- (c) Whether any training programme is being implemented for effective transfer of seed production and processing technology;
- (d) If so, whether the Government has ever evaluated the said programme keeping in view of the large scale suicides by the farmers;
- (e) If so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) The concrete steps proposed to be taken by the Government for effective implementation of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Sir, Seed Village Programme has been introduced during 2005-06 in the country for transfer of seed production technology to farmers, to enable them to produce better quality seeds and to improve the stock of farm saved seeds for enhancing crop production/productivity.

(b) to (f): Following assistance is provided under Seed Village Programme:

(i) 50% subsidy on the cost of foundation seed used by the farmers upto half acre per farmer.

(ii) Training of farmers participating in the programme at the rate of Rs.15,000/- per group of 50-150 farmers in seed production technologies from preparation of land to harvesting and post harvest processing.

(iii) Assistance for purchase of seed storage bins at the rates of 25% for small and marginal farmers and 33% for SC/ST farmers for 10 quintal and 20 quintal capacity bins. The Seed Village Programme, essentially indented to empower the farmers to produce quality seed in their own lands under the guidance and assistance of the implementing agencies, has evoked positive response from many States. During the 2005-06 an amount of Rs.1476.99 Lakhs have been released to various State/implementing agencies and for the current year an allocation of Rs.1349.49 Lakhs is available for implementation of the programme.

Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh have produce 172000, 2920 and 24000 quintals seeds of different crops respectively under the Seed Village Programme during 2005-06.