

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SEED BANKS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Seed Banks functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the existing Banks are adequate to cater to the needs of the farmers;
- (c) if not, whether the Government has any proposal to open more such Seed Banks in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of funds allotted and utilised for the purpose during each of the last two years; and
- (f) the number of farmers who have availed the services of these banks during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Seed Banks are functioning in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal through the State Seeds Corporations (SSCs) and State Departments of Agriculture in these States and National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India.

(b) to (d) : The existing Banks are adequate to cater to the needs of the farmers. Jharkhand is included this year under the Scheme.

(e) Details of fund allotted and utilized during last two years is given below:
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Funds Allotted	Fund Utilized
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2007-08	563.00	479.00
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2008-09	453.00	378.00
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Based on the claims received from the implementing agencies.

This includes component of construction of godowns which is ongoing..

(f) Implementing agencies distribute seeds through dealers' network and cooperative institutions to farmers as per situation.