

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:15
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2010
DEVELOPMENT OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lack of availability of quality seeds and planting material alongwith low seed replacement rate have hampered the growth of the agriculture and horticulture sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the remedial measures taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to review the technological developments and the policies and develop strategies to ensure availability of quality seeds/planting material and better seed replacement in coordination with the State Governments and agricultural scientists; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 15 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2010.

(a) & (b): The availability of Certified/Quality Seed in 2009-10 was 279.72 lakh qtls. against the requirement of 258.87 lakh qtls. estimated by the National Seed Plan. Adequate availability of seed has improved Seed Replacement considerably.

(c) & (d): Government has already initiated several Schemes to ensure availability of Quality Seeds/Planting Material, Seed Replacement and Technological Development. Details are given below:

- i. National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
- ii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- iii. Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).
- iv. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).
- v. National Horticulture Mission (NHM)/Technology Mission on North East (TMNE).
- vi. Technology Mission on Cotton.
- vii. Technology Mission on Jute & Mesta.
- viii. Development & Strengthening of Infrastructural Facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds.
- ix. Mega Seed Project (Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities).