

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SEED PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of seed production in the country, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the country is selfsufficient in seed production to meet the requirement of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the details of deficiency, cropwise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to enhance seed production in the country in order to compete in the global market; and
- (f) 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 AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): The availability of certified / quality seed in the country for the year 2009-10 was 279.72 lakh quintals against the requirement of 249.12 lakh quintals as reported by States. The crop-wise and state-wise details are at Annexure-I & II respectively. An overall all India surplus of 30.6 lakh quintals was available for 2009- 10. Specific and marginal national level shortages in lentil, moth, rajmah, til, linseed & mesta will be met through shift to alternative crops or farm saved seed and summer production.

(e) & (f): The Government has initiated several measures to enhance seed production in the country under programmes such as Development & Strengthening of infrastructural facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds; National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM); Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA); National Horticulture Mission (NHM); Technology Mission on Horticulture for North East (TMNE), Technology Mission on Cotton, Technology Mission on Jute & Mesta; Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Mega Seed Project.

Further, India is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Seed Schemes and International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA). 10 Seed Certification agencies have been appointed as Designated Agencies for OECD certification. India has sixteen International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) member laboratories out of which five are accredited. Central assistance is also available to Seed Certification Agencies for obtaining membership of ISTA and OECD etc.