

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3978  
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HYBRID SEEDS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether hybrid seeds have been sown in the country to increase the yield;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the annual turnover of hybrid seed industry in the country;
- (d) whether any arrangement has been made in the country for certification of such hybrid seeds; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The details of hybrid seeds produced in the country over four years as reported by states/seed producing agencies is at Annexure.
- (c): As per National Seed Association of India the annual turnover of hybrid seed industry in the country is about Rs. 4157 crores.
- (d)&(e): As per seeds Act, 1966 certification of seed is voluntary.