

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NEW VARIETY OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Punjab Agriculture University has developed new varieties of seeds of different crops including wheat and rice;
- (b) if so, the details of such seeds, their productivity and assessment regarding pest resistance;
- (c) whether such seeds are available in various parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) 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 & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Eight new varieties including wheat and rice, developed by Punjab Agriculture University have been released during 2009-2010.
- (b) The details of newly developed varieties of different crops alongwith productivity and pest resistance is enclosed as Annexure-I.
- (c) to (e): These varieties have been introduced into seed chain. The availability of different varieties is also a function of their acceptance and adoption by the farmers.