

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF RICE SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Rice Research Institute has developed certain seeds varieties of rice which can withstand drought, flood and erratic rain-fall;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such seeds are likely to be released for harvesting?

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.

(b) Central Rice Research Institute has developed following two rice varieties:-

Swarna Sub-I: This variety has been released for cultivation in shallow lowland areas of coastal Orissa. It is tolerant to complete submergence of about two weeks and is also suitable for late planting with aged seedlings.

Sahbhagi Dhan: This variety has been developed and identified for release for cultivation in drought affected areas of Jharkhand and Orissa. It can withstand terminal drought for at least two weeks.

(c) While the seed of the variety Swarna Sub-I is already in the seed production chain the variety Sahbhagi Dhan has only been recently identified.