

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:449
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SHORTAGE OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of nonavailability of quality seeds in several States in the country including Gujarat and Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the shortage; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure availability of seeds in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 449 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH APRIL, 2010

- (a): 141.93 lakh qtls. certified/quality seeds are available for Kharif 2010 against the requirement of 123.12 lakh qtls. projected by the States. No shortfall has been reported by any State for certified/quality seeds of major crops. Specific regional shortages in Rajasthan and some other States have been tied up through farm saved seeds. No shortage of seeds has been reported in Gujarat.
- (b): The requirement and availability of seeds for Kharif-2010 is at Annexure.
- (c): The Government of India facilitates availability of certified/quality seeds through National Seeds Corporation (NSC) and State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) and through several schemes such as Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Development & Strengthening of Infrastructural Facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mega Seed Project (Indian Council for Agricultural Research).