

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to increase the production of seeds by various public sector undertakings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the annual turnover of seeds in the country and the share of the public sector therein; and
- (d) the details of import of seeds during the last three years?

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) & (b): Government supports seed producing Public Sector Undertaking for seed production and related activities under the following programmes:

- i. National Food Security Mission (NFSM)
- ii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
- iii. Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM)
- iv. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).
- v. National Horticulture Mission (NHM)
- vi. Technology Mission on Cotton
- vii. Technology Mission on Jute & Mesta
- viii. Development & Strengthening of Infrastructural Facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds.
- ix. National Agricultural Research System and Mega Seed Project (Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities).

The contribution of Public Sector to seed availability has increased from 111.59 lakh quintals in 2007-08 to 170.81 lakh quintals in 2009-10.

(c): As per the National Seed Association of India, the annual turnover is estimated to be Rs. 7500 crores at current rate. The share of the public sector is 60% by volume.

(d): The details of Import of Seeds during the last three years is at Annexure.