

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the research and development centres of the Government in the country have developed new varieties of seeds of various agricultural produce during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of such seeds developed alongwith their rate of productivity;
- (c) whether any arrangements have been made for the commercial production of seeds developed through research;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (e) the amount of capital invested in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A number of new varieties of different crops has been released during last three years (2007-2009). The crop wise details alongwith productivity are enclosed (Annexure-I).
- (c) to (e): ICAR has provided funds to different ICAR and SAUs centers for the production of breeder seeds and other classes of seeds and infrastructure upgradation. The details are given in Annexure-II.