

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:232
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2010
SEED PRODUCTION
Lingam Shri P.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a marked improvement in seeds production in the recent years in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any agency/proposes to set up a seed control authority to regulate the quality of seeds and protect the farmer`s interests; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.232 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10-08-2010.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Production of certified/quality seeds has doubled from 140.50 lakh quintals in 2005-06 to 279.72 lakh quintals in 2009-10.

(c) & (d): The State Governments are empowered under the Seeds Act 1966, Seeds Rules 1968 and Seeds (Control) Order 1983 to regulate the quality of seeds. There is no proposal to set up a Seed Control Authority.