

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GRAM BEEJ YOJANA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing a `Gram Beej Yojana` in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of seed villages set up under the scheme during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised during the said period, State-wise and year-wise?

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): Yes, Madam. Seed Village Programme is implemented in the country to upgrade the quality of farmer saved seed. The programme is implemented through State Departments of Agriculture, State Agricultural Universities and State Seeds Corporations. Following assistance is provided under the programme:

I. Distribution of foundation/certified seed at 50% cost for half an acre per farmer.

II. Training of the farmers in seeds production and seed technology. An amount of Rs.15,000 for a group of 50-150 farmers is provided.

III. Development of local storage capacity of appropriate quality. Assistance @ 33% subject to a maximum of Rs.3000 for 20 quintals capacity and Rs.2,000 for 10 quintals capacity to SC/ST farmers and @25% subject to a maximum of Rs.2,000 for 20 quintals capacity and Rs.1500 for 10 quintals capacity for other farmers is provided.

(c) & (d): The details are at Annexure.