

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1467

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IMPORT OF SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of different varieties of seeds imported during the last three years, grain-wise and quantity-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to import different varieties of seeds during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, grain-wise, quantity-wise and country-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has assigned any agency/committee to examine the quality of imported seeds;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The details of the different varieties of seeds recommended for import by the EXIM Committee of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) for the last three years, seed-wise and quantity-wise is at Annexure.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Question does not arise.
- (d)&(e): Import of seeds are governed by the provisions of Export Import Policy read with New Policy on Seeds Development and Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Import permit would be granted by Plant Protection Adviser to the Government of India on the recommendations of EXIM Committee of DAC. A small quantity of seeds sought to be imported would be given to ICAR for trial and evaluation for one crop season to ascertain the quality. If the performance of the variety found satisfactory in the multi-locational trials the importer can apply for bulk import of the seeds of the new variety.