

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT RESISTANT CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Agricultural Universities and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have developed drought resistant crops and seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to popularize the use of such crops and seed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Agricultural Universities and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed and released drought resistant/tolerant varieties of Wheat, Rice, Barley, Groundnut, Rapeseed-Mustard, Soybean, Chickpea, Lathyrus, Moth Bean, Horsegram, Guar, Maize, Sorghum, Pearl Millet, Small Millets, Cotton, Tobacco, Sugarcane, Jute etc.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) are producing sufficient quantity of breeder seed of these crops and is supplying to different agencies for the production of foundation and certified seed. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India along with the Department of Agriculture of different states are popularizing these crops/seeds through the mini-kits trials, field demonstrations and by providing incentives for the integrated nutrient management, integrated management of diseases and pests, etc. to the farmers.