

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:246

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SEEDS OF MEDIUM AND SHORT DURATION CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of the delayed monsoon in the country, seeds of medium and short duration crop varieties have been made available to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of the total kharif crops likely to be met from such seeds; and
- (d) the measures being taken to enhance the availability of such seeds in the country?

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.246 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21-07-2009.

(a) to (c): Seed of short and medium duration (excepting some local varieties in Uttarakhand and Bihar) is available to meet specific regional requirements indicated by States to the Government of India. The arrangement of seed is made by each State Government based on an assessment of its requirement for each agricultural season. The total national requirement as indicated by the States for Kharif 2009 is 110.97 lakh quintals against which availability is 126.51 lakh quintals. Thus a surplus of more than 15.54 lakh quintals including short, medium and long duration is available.

(d): The Government of India is assisting State Governments in seed related activities for improving availability of quality seeds including short and medium duration varieties mainly under the following Schemes:

- i. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).
- ii. National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
- iii. Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM).
- iv. Technology Mission on Cotton.
- v. Technology Mission on Jute and Mesta.
- vi. Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds.
- vii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).