

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW VARIETY OF SEEDS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed several new varieties of seeds for different foodgrains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed several new varieties/hybrids in different food crops. Few examples are; Rice (Pusa Basmati 1121, Improved Pusa Basmati 1, Improved Samba Mahsuri, VL Dhan 86, VL Dhan 209, VL Dhan 65); Wheat (DBW 17, VL 892, HI 1544, HD 2932); Maize (Vivek hybrid 33, Vivek 9 QPM, Vivek 25, Vivek 27); Sorghum (CSV 20, CSH 23); Pearl Millet (Pusa composite 443), Barnyard Millet (VL Madira 207); Pigeonpea (Pusa 992, Pusa 2001, Pusa 2002); Chickpea (Pusa 547, Pusa Shubhra); Mungbean (IPM 02-3, Pusa 0672); Urdbean (IPU-02-43); Lentil (IPL 406, VL 126); Fieldpea (VL 42, Prakash).