

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5315  
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SEED BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of seed banks operating in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether the existing seed banks are adequate to fulfil the requirement of farmers of the State;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to open more seed banks in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A Seed Bank is functioning in Madhya Pradesh through Madhya Pradesh Rajya Beej Evam Farm Vikas Nigam to meet sudden demand for seeds arising due to natural calamities or other unforeseen situations. National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India are also maintaining Seed Bank at National level to supplement the efforts of the State Seed Corporations in meeting seeds demand of State. Thus, existing Seed Bank supplemented by the national level seed bank is adequately catering to the needs of the farmers of the State.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Question does not arise.