

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SEEDS PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual production of seeds in the country during the last three years and the share of the Government and the private sector therein;
- (b) the details of import of seeds in the country during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has given permission for two year import of paddy and wheat seeds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the measures taken by the Government to increase the production of seeds in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Seed Production in the country during last three years and the share of Government and the private sector is as under:

Year Sector Quantity in lakh quintals Share%

2008-09	Public	150.73	60.21
	Private	99.62	39.79
Total		250.35	100.00

2009-10	Public	172.86	61.80
	Private	106.88	38.20
Total		279.72	100.00

2010-11	Public	165.44	51.48
	Private	155.92	48.52
Total		321.36	100.00

(b): The details of import of seeds in the country during the last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Under the revised New Policy on Seed Development (NPSD), 1988 made effective from 27.06.2011 following provision has been made as regards import of paddy and wheat seeds "in order to provide to the Indian farmer the best planting material available in the world to increase productivity, the import of seeds of wheat and paddy may also be allowed as per provisions of the Plant Quarantine Order, 2003 as amended from time to time for a period not exceeding two years by companies, which have technical/financial collaboration agreement for production of seeds with companies abroad, provided the foreign supplier agrees to supply parent line seeds/nucleus or breeder seeds/technology to the Indian company within a period of two years from the date of import of the first commercial consignment after its import has been recommended by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC)". EXIM Committee constituted by DAC for considering applications for import and export of seeds and planting material has so far not approved any proposal under the revised NPSD, 1988 for import of paddy and wheat seeds.

(e) To increase the production of seeds in the country the Government is providing assistance for seeds under the schemes mentioned below:

- i. National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
- ii. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

- iii. Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).
- iv. Technology Mission on Cotton.
- v. Technology Mission on Jute & Mesta.
- vi. Development & Strengthening of Infrastructural Facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds.
- vii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- viii. National Horticulture Mission (NHM).
- ix. Technology Mission for the North East (TMNE).
- x. Mega Seed Project (Indian Council for Agricultural Research).

The details of the schemes are at Annexure-II.