

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RICE VARIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of rice varieties being grown in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the demand of each variety of rice in the country and abroad;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop a variety of rice which will require comparatively less water than the traditional varieties; 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): Nearly 260 Rice varieties are being grown in the country. A list of variety grown state-wise in the last three years is attached as Annexure-1.
- (b): Variety-wise disaggregated demand in the country is indicated by the breeder seed indents. Details of the breeder seed indents for kharif 2008, 2009 and 2010 is attached at Annexure-2
- (c) & (d): The varieties are continuously being improved in terms of greater productivity, less requirement of inputs, greater ability to withstand stresses including moisture stresses etc. It is continuous and ongoing activity of research institutions.