

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several States are set to face an acute shortage of certified seeds and fertilizers for crops during this Rabi season, which has caused severe distress among farmers in certain parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of States facing such shortfall and the steps the Government is taking to meet the requirement;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of shortfall of certified seeds and fertilizers on the ultimate Rabi output/production in this season; 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): There is no shortage of certified/quality seeds of crops for ensuing Rabi 2011-12 season at present. A statement showing requirement and availability of fertilizer during Rabi 2010-11 season are at Annexure. To take care of any shortage of fertilizers, the Government monitors availability of fertilizers in the State through weekly video conference held jointly by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Fertilizers and Ministry of Railways, and immediate action is taken to make available the desired quantity of fertilizers to the States, if any non availability is reported.

(c)& (d): Cannot be assessed at this stage of time since the Rabi season starts from mid October and goes till March/April.