

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MINI-KIT SEEDS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to implement mini-kit seeds programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide such mini-kit seeds free of cost to the farmers living below the poverty line; 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): The Government of India is already implementing seed minikits programme under various schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture. In order to introduce new varieties/hybrids and to encourage farmers for seed multiplication of various crops at grass root level, Government of India provides seed minikits of different field crops and fodder crops to the farmers. The seed minikits of oilseeds and maize are provided under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM). National Food Security Mission (NFSM) provides seed minikits of rice, wheat and pulses in identified districts. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) provide support for crop development including supply of seeds minikits as per priorities of the States in their work plan.

(c) & (d): The Government of India provides seed minikits to all farmers including those living below poverty line free of cost under various schemes viz; ISOPOM, NFSM, MMA, RKVY and Minikit Testing Programme on fodder crops.