

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HYBRID VARIETY OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether hybrid varieties of paddy have been developed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said hybrid varieties are inaccessible to the farmers in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Forty five (28 public and 17 private) hybrids, suited to different agro climatic conditions, have been released in the country.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. The seeds of hybrids are available to the farmers and the area under hybrid rice, in the country, is estimated to be around 2 million hectare.
- (e) The hybrid rice cultivation in the country is being promoted by Govt. of India through projects like National Food Security Mission (NFSM). Added emphasis is being given for adoption of hybrid rice under the special scheme of "Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India".