

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SEED BANKS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of seed banks functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether existing banks are sufficient to meet the needs of the farmers;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up more seed banks in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of funds allocated and utilised during each of the last three years for this purpose; and
- (f) the number of farmers who have utilised the services of seed banks during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): A total of 18 seed banks are functioning in the country. These Seeds Banks are located in states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Kerala through the State Seeds Corporations (SSCs)/ Authority and State Departments of Agriculture in these States. In addition National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India also maintain Seed Banks.

(b) to (d): The existing seeds banks are sufficient to meet the needs of the farmers. Seed banks are established based on needs expressed by the States.

(e): The details of funds allocated /utilized, during each of the last three years is given below:-

Year	Amount allocated (Rs. in lakh)	Amount utilized (Rs. in lakh)
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2008-09	453.00#	453.00
2009-10	445.55#	445.55
2010-11	672.98#	608.22

Based on the claims received from the implementing agencies.

(f): Implementing agencies distribute seeds through dealers' network and co- operative institutions to farmers as per contingent situation.