

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF SEEDS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the challenges being faced by the seeds industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the assistance being given by the Union Government to the seeds industry to improve its scientific base so as to bring continuous improvement in the quality of seeds?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES ( DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has not conducted any specific study to assess the challenges being faced by the seeds industry in the country.

(c); The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, under the Central Sector Scheme `Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds` is providing assistance to seeds industry for many activities including advancement of its scientific base for quality control arrangements on seeds. The details of components of the scheme are as under:-

- i. Seed Village Programme.
- ii. Assistance for Creation/Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities in Public Sector.
- iii. Assistance for Boosting Seed Production in Private Sector.
- iv. Establishment & Maintenance of Seed Bank,
- v. Transport Subsidy on Movement of Seeds.
- vi. Quality Control Arrangement on Seeds.
- vii. Application of Biotechnology in Agriculture,
- viii. Assistance for Hybrid Rice Seed Production,
- ix. Assistance for Boosting Seed Export.

The component-wise funds released under the scheme from 2005-2006 are at Annexure-I.