

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL SEEDS CONFERENCES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has held National Seeds Conferences during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the roadmap prepared by the Government in pursuance of the outcome of these conferences during the XIth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): National Seed Research and Training Centre (NSR TC), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, a subordinate office under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, organised 'National Seed Congress' during the last three years as under:

Date    Venue    Outcome

18-20    New Delhi    The Congress deliberated on different facets  
January,    of seed sector viz. production, storage,  
2010    processing, technology, varietal development  
as also the synergies in different sectors and  
made its specific recommendations accordingly.

29-31    Pune,    The Congress deliberated for upgrading field  
January,    Maharashtra standards, seed quality assurance, intensification  
2011    of research on seed production & seed quality and  
to bridge the gap between public and private sector,  
etc. and made related recommendations.

23-25    Chandigarh,    The deliberation and recommendations included  
January,    Haryana exploration of new areas for seed production  
2012    and seed quality to counter the impact of climate  
change, provisioning of favourable policy environment  
to facilitate release of genetically modified food  
crops, strengthening of maintenance breeding,  
upgradation of seed infrastructure and seed  
quality standard, revitalise public private  
partnership.

(c): During the XI Five Year Plan availability of seeds has increased from 194.31 lakh quintal in 2007-2008 to 353.62 lakh quintal in 2011-2012.

The Congress has evolved as a forum for reviewing the progress made in seed science and quality regulation, planning of strategies, etc. and updating the knowledge/ skills. The deliberations/ recommendations/ outcome of the successive National Conferences held during the XI Five Year Plan have served to guide the interventions relating to existing scheme and various policy initiatives taken by the Government in Seed Sector from time to time.