

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has stressed on the role of private sector in production of seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction during the last three years; and
- (c) the incentives given to private sector for this purpose in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Under the Central Sector Scheme "Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds", a component "Assistant for Boosting Seed Production in Private Sector" is being implemented. Under this component, a credit linked back ended capital subsidy is provided to private sector at the rate of 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum limit of Rs.25.00 lakh per unit on seed infrastructure development viz., seed processing facilities as well as seed storage facilities to supplement the efforts of Government so that quality seed can be made available to farmers. National Seeds Corporation is the nodal agency for implementing this component.

State-wise details of proposals sanctioned during the last three years are at Annexure-I. State-wise details of subsidy released/proposals sanctioned to private sector during XI Five Year Year Plan (2007-08 to 2011-2012) are at Annexure-II.