

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW VARIETIES OF WHEAT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether new varieties of wheat are introduced for cultivation in drought like condition in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Directorate of Wheat Research is coordinating the research work of the National Agricultural Research System for development of wheat varieties and their cultivation practices suited to stress conditions. Since 1965, ninety three varieties for rain-fed/ restricted irrigation conditions have been released by central and state varietal release committees to combat drought stress. Based on the higher indent of breeder seed, the list of the popular varieties is given in Annexure-I.

(c) Does not arise.