

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:227  
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SEEDS PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the farmers in the country are dependent on seeds developed by the Multi-national Corporations and private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;
- (c) whether the Government allocates funds for development of new seeds varieties by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and other agriculture universities; and
- (d) if so, the funds allocated during the last three years for the purpose and the number of seeds varieties developed so far by ICAR and other agriculture universities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 227 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH AUGUST, 2012.

(a) to (d): A statement indicating the share of seeds of major crops supplied by private companies and public sector companies during the year 2011-12 as reported by States is at Annexure-I.

A statement indicating the quantum of funds allocated by the Government to various Institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) for development of new varieties during the last three years is at Annexure-II. These funds are also being used for the development of other technologies related to crop production and protection. Since 1966, the National Agricultural Research System has developed and released 5185 varieties comprising 1435 cereals varieties, 1153 millets varieties, 961 pulses varieties, 967 oilseed varieties, 412 fiber crops varieties, 174 forage crops varieties, 73 sugarcane varieties and 10 other crops varieties.