

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2012
DEMAND OF HYBRID SEEDS
Tagore Shri Manicka

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether demand for hybrid seeds of all principal crops, oilseeds, pulses and vegetables etc. has registered an increase in the recent past;
- (b) the demand vis-a-vis the production / supply of hybrid seeds in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether all these hybrid seeds are made available to farmers in all the States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 241 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH AUGUST, 2012.

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. Details of the requirement and availability of hybrid seeds since 2009-10, as reported by the State Governments, are at Annexure-I.

The availability of hybrids to the farmers mainly depends upon their demand and offtake. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutions, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and private companies are engaged in development of hybrids suitable for varied agro climatic conditions of the country. National Seeds Corporation, State Farms Corporation of India, State Seeds Corporations and several private companies are engaged in the production and supply of quality seeds, including hybrid seeds, of various crops. Subsidy is made available to the farmers for purchase of quality seeds, including hybrid seeds, under the various ongoing schemes of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation including National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc.