

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY SEEDS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the demand and supply of the quality seeds in various States in the country during each of the last three years and the current Kharif Season, State-wise;
- (b) the details of quality seeds arranged and provided by the private agencies in various States in the country during each of the last three years and the current Kharif Season;
- (c) the extent to which the rates of private agencies for such seeds are higher than the cost of Government agencies during the said period in various States; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make available cheapest and quality seed to the farmers in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The state-wise details of demand and supply of certified/quality seeds and seed supplied by private agencies during the last three years and the current Kharif Season are at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): The rate of private agencies seeds are approximately 5-10% higher than the Government Agencies depending on crop type and demand and supply status. To make available quality seeds to the farmers at cheaper prices, Government of India provides assistance/subsidy on production and distribution of quality seeds through various on going schemes/programmes.