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SEED MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a `seed mission` during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details and purpose thereof along with the seed development schemes being formulated in this regard; and
- (c) the details of funds likely to be allocated to various States to start these projects State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): A 'Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material' has been proposed under the "National Mission for Agricultural Extension and Technology" for 12th Five Year Plan.

The seed component of the Mission is aimed at increasing production of certified/quality seeds, enhancing seed replacement rate, strengthening of seed multiplication chain, developing and popularising new varieties, promoting new technologies, strengthening and modernizing seed infrastructure, encouraging seed treatment, upgrading the quality of farm saved seeds and ensuring availability of seed for contingent situations like drought, flood, etc.

` 2088 crore has been allocated for the Sub Mission on Seeds and Planting Material for the XII Five Year Plan.