

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF SEEDS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to supply the farmers of horticultural crops with quality seeds through public sector companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity and value of seeds produced by public sector companies vis-a-vis private companies during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to develop high yielding varieties of horticultural seeds in research institutions of the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): During the current year, 557688.96 qtls. of vegetable seeds are expected to be supplied to the farmers through public sector.
- (c): The quantity of seeds expected to be produced in the country is about 3022892 quintals worth Rs. 3234 crores. Out of which 5,57,688 qtls. is from public sector and 24,65,204 qtls. from private sector.
- (d): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has accorded top priority for developing high yielding and biotic & abiotic stresses resistant varieties of horticultural seeds in its research institutions. These varieties are tested in various agro-climate zones to assess their suitability and performance.