

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SEEDS PROVIDED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the public and private sector companies providing seeds in the country along with the quantum of seeds provided by them during each of the last three years and the current year, crop-wise;
- (b) the details of the new varieties of seeds developed by the said companies during the said period, company and crop-wise;
- (c) whether the Indian agriculture sector is largely dependant on the private sector companies for developed seeds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the funds provided to the public sector companies for developing seeds during the said period; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

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

- (a): The details of crop-wise quantity of seeds provided by the public and private companies during last three years and current year is at Annexure I.
- (b): Crop-wise details of the new varieties of seeds developed by public and private sector during last three years and the current year is at Annexure II.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d) & (e): The funds provided by the Government to various institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities for development of new varieties during last three years is Rs.238.13 crores in 2009- 10, Rs.309.14 crores in 2010-11, Rs.350.54 crores in 2011-12 and during the current year (2012-13) Rs.460.00 crores has been allocated.