

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF QUALITY SEEDS

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

- (a) whether the Government supplies quality seeds to farmers through the public and the private sector companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of seeds that were distributed to the farmers during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the incentives given to the public/private sector during the 11th Five Year Plan period; and
- (d) the efforts initiated by the Government to distribute high yielding varieties of seeds to the farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The quantity of seeds distributed to the farmers during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:-

Year    Quantity of quality seed distributed  
          (in lakh quintals)

2009-10    257.11

2010-11    277.34

2011-12    294.85

2012-13    316.92

(c) Under Central Sector Scheme: Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for production and distribution of Quality seeds an amount of Rs.260.50 crores and Rs.25.96 crores have been given to public sector and private sector, respectively, for Creation of Seed Infrastructure Facilities during the 11th Five Year Plan period.

(d) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is already implementing several schemes, which provide assistance for seed related activities including production and distribution subsidy under various crop development programme/scheme viz; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP), Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC), Technology Mission on Jute and Mesta (TMJ&M), Macro Management Mode of Agriculture of State Work Plan (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds.