

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:120

ANSWERED ON:05.03.2013

DEVELOPMENT OF HYV SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) and the National Seeds Corporation have developed High Yielding Variety (HYV) of seeds for soyabean, sunflower, groundnut and other crops during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above bodies have successfully made available these seeds to the farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved by the farmers by sowing these seeds; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to market these seeds in the international market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 120 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/03/2013 REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF HYV SEEDS"

(a) & (b): The National Agricultural Research System including Crop Research Institutes under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) also under ICAR, have released 121 varieties (soybean:3, sunflower:3, groundnut:5, other crops:110) during 2012. The National Seeds Corporation is not involved in development of crop varieties.

(c) The quality seed of any new variety is made available after three years of its release to the farmers due to requirement of seed multiplication chain.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) The Government has already taken several steps like removal of quantity restriction, signing of Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) scheme, enactment of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Act (PPV&RFA) etc. to promote seeds of Indian crop varieties in the international market.