

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF SEED INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the seed industry in the country has emerged as a fast growing industry during the last three years;
- (b) the total increase in the business of this industry during the period 2009-10 to 2012-13 annually;
- (c) if so, whether the main reasons for the fast growth of this sector is the rise in the prices of seeds;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the rise registered in the prices of seeds during the said period along with the steps taken by the Government to provide seeds at reasonable prices to the farmers?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The seed industry in the country has been growing approximately 8-10 % per annum over last three years. Present turn over of the industry is about Rs. 11000 crores.
- (c) & (d): The reason for the fast growth in the seed industry is the increased demand for quality seeds by the farmers for achieving higher production and thereby high economic return.
- (e): Price of certified/quality seed, on the average has increased by 5% to 13% for various crops during the said period. To provide seeds at reasonable prices to the farmers, Government provide assistance/subsidy for seed production and distribution under various crop development schemes.