

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5562
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NEW VARIETY OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether new variety of seeds are arriving in the agricultural seeds market in the country every year;
- (b) if so, the annual percentage of new seeds arrived in the market on average during the last three years;
- (c) whether it is a fact that presently all types of seeds whether authentic or otherwise, are being sold in the market;
- (d) if so, whether any reform is needed in seeds market; and
- (e) if so, the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): New seeds that arrived in the market during the last three years, on an average, is approximately ten percent per annum.
- (c) to (e): The Seed Act, 1966, Seed Rules, 1968 and Seeds (Control) Order, 1983, provides adequate power to the state governments to regulate the quality of seeds that are sold in the market.