

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF SUB STANDARD SPURIOUS SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received several complaints from various States regarding sale of spurious/substandard seeds by the seed agencies and private nurseries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and its likely effect on the agricultural production;
- (c) the details of fall in agricultural production during each of the last three years, State- wise; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against such complaints and to ensure supply of good quality seeds to the farmers?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has received complaints regarding supply of substandard/spurious seeds at a few places in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, etc. As reported by the State Governments, action in accordance with the provisions under the Seeds Act, 1966, the Seed Rules, 1968 and the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983, like, issue of warning, show cause notices, stop sale order, trial in the court etc., had been taken against suppliers of such sub-standard/spurious seeds. The details of food grain production during the last three years is at Annexure-I.

For ensuring supply of quality seeds to the farmers, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing Central Sector Scheme "Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds", under which assistance is provided for strengthening and modernizing seed infrastructure facilities, upgrading the quality of farm saved seed through seed village programme, production and distribution of quality seeds, establishing Seed Bank for ensuring seed availability in contingent situations, establishing and strengthening quality control infrastructure facilities in the country, etc.