

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF HIGH YIELDING SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to produce more High Yielding Variety (HYV) Seeds in the country keeping in view the poor rainfall and depleting groundwater level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a pilot project related to seed crop scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any awareness campaigns among farmers relating to these HYV seeds; and
- (f) if so, the other steps taken by the Government to supply HYV seeds to the farmers of the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The proposed increase in production of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds in the country as reported by States is from 328.58 lakh quintals in 2012-13 to 337.14 lakh quintals in 2013-14.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Question does not arise.

(e) & (f): To generate awareness among farmers on use of HYV seeds, Front Line Demonstrations/minikit distribution are conducted through various crop development programmes being implemented by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, viz: National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, 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). Assistance is also provided under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds including HYV seeds.