

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MUSTARD SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop new varieties of mustard seeds in view of the increasing demand of mustard oil and for increasing the yield so as to benefit the farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In view of the demand of mustard oil and to increase the yield of mustard to benefit the farmers, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research undertakes basic and strategic research related to crop improvement, production and protection technologies in rapeseed-mustard at Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research, Bharatpur. The information so generated is used by the All India Coordinated Research Project on Rapeseed-Mustard to develop location specific varieties/hybrids and technologies for different agro-ecologies.

A total of 31 high yielding varieties/hybrids of rapeseed-mustard have been released during the last five years that have a fair degree of tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses and are presented in Annexure-I. Breeder seeds of improved varieties/hybrids of rapeseed-mustard to the tune of 739.1 quintals were produced and supplied to different seed producing agencies during the last five years (2007-08 to 2011-12), so that quality seeds of improved varieties/hybrids could reach farmers for cultivation to enhance crop productivity and net farm income.