

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:792
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013
PRODUCTION OF SEEDS
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of seeds produced in various States of the country including Madhya Pradesh, crop-wise and State/UTwise;
- (b) whether the country is self dependent in the production of seeds so as to meet the demand of the country;
- (c) if not, the details of the shortage of seeds, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of seeds in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The production and availability of certified/quality seeds in the country for the year 2013-14 is 347.31 lakh quintals against the requirement of 335.26 lakh quintals as reported by the States. The crop-wise and state-wise details including Madhya Pradesh are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): The production of certified/quality seeds in the country has increased from 140.51 lakh quintals in 2005-06 to 347.31 lakh quintals in 2013-14. To increase seed production in the country, the Government of India is assisting the State Governments and seed producing agencies on various activities related to seed production viz, production, storage, training for capacity building of farmers in seed production technology, etc., under the various crop development programmes/schemes viz:- National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Initiatives for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP), Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC), Technology Mission on Jute & Mesta, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Technology Mission for the North East (TMNE), Development & Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities.