

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH YIELDING SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of research programmes being conducted for developing varieties of high yielding seeds of paddy, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and other crops in the country;
- (b) the demand and supply of high yielding seeds in various States of the country including Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government is preparing any action plan for production of high yielding seeds in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is entrusted with development of high yielding and stress tolerant varieties suited to different agro climatic conditions of the country. ICAR research programmes on basic and applied research are being conducted through its crop based institutes and crop-specific All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) Centres to develop high yielding varieties in different crops suited to different agro-ecological regions of the country.
- (b) The detailed information regarding requirement and availability of high yielding seeds in various States, including Bihar, is given in Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DoAC), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India in consultation with State Departments and Seed Agencies prepares an action plan for seed production. ICAR is mandated to produce breeder seeds of all the improved varieties, as per the indent received from various seed producing agencies through DoAC, for its conversion to certified seed.