

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF QUALITY SEEDS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the demand and supply of quality seeds by the Government and private agencies during the last three years and the current year as on date, State/UT- wise;
- (b) the details of the difference of rate of seeds provided by private agencies and Government agencies in the country;
- (c) whether due to shortage of supply of quality seeds by Government agencies, farmers are forced to purchase them from private agencies; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make available quality seeds to the farmers at cheaper prices?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a): The State-wise details of demand and supply of certified/quality seeds and seed supplied by the Government and private agencies during last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I.
- (b): The rate of private agencies seeds are approximately 5-10% higher than the Government Agencies depending on crop type and demand and supply status.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. Purchase of seeds is the free will of the farmers. However, to make available certified seeds to the farmers at cheaper prices, Government of India provides assistance/subsidy on production and distribution of certified seeds through various ongoing schemes/programmes of the Department.