

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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RABI AND KHARIF FARMING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set any target for production of different crops during the upcoming rabi and kharif season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure availability of quality seeds in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam, Government of India fixes target once in a year before season for production of different crops. The target fixed for 2013-14 is at annexure.

(c) & (d): To ensure availability of quality seeds in the country, Government of India provides assistance/subsidy on production and distribution of certified/quality seeds through various ongoing programmes and schemes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds, Technology Mission on Cotton, etc.