

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms adopted for realizing demand and supply of seeds and fertilizers in the country for the current year;
- (b) whether some States including Uttar Pradesh are facing shortage of seeds of various crops including wheat, barley, gram and peas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and steps taken to ensure adequate timely supply of such crops seeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): The requirement/demand and availability/supply of seeds and fertilizers in the country for the current year was assessed before both Kharif (1st April to 30th September) in February – March 2009 and Rabi (1st October to 31st March) in August – September 2009 in the Zonal Inputs Conferences for Agriculture organized by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. In the fertilizer input conference the State-wise assessment of major fertilizers is finalized based on suggestions of States/UTs for major fertilizers; past and particularly previous season's consumption of fertilizers; area targeted for crop production; weather condition; cropping pattern; area under irrigation etc. The assessed State-wise, month-wise requirement finalized in Zonal Conferences is communicated to Department of Fertilizers for supply to the States. A Statement showing cumulative demand, availability & sales of Urea, (DAP), Muriate of potash (MOP) and NPK fertilizers during 2009-10 (in April 2009 to 31st October 2009) is at Annexure – I.

In the seed input conference, the seed requirement of the State and its availability with various seed producing agencies within the State and outside is assessed based on the targeted crop area, cropping pattern and seed replacement rate. As reported by States the availability of certified/quality seed in the country is 279,72,187 quintals against the requirement of 249,12,019 quintals for the current year 2009-10. The crop-wise details is at Annexure-II. Seed position of Uttar Pradesh is at Annexure-III.

State wise requirement and availability of different crop seeds is at Annexure-IV. Seed is to be tied up by each State as per its requirement. Government of India facilitates through mechanisms of Zonal Seed Review Meeting, National Conference and co-ordination there after in case of shortage.