

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:196
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PRODUCTION OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is selfsufficient in the production of seeds to meet the domestic requirements;
- (b) if so, the quantum of seeds produced in various States of the country, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of the shortfall in seeds production, State-wise and crop-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of seeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 196 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH MARCH, 2012.

(a) to (c): The production and availability of certified/quality seed in the country for the year 2011-12 is 353.62 lakh quintals against the requirement of 330.41 lakh quintals as reported by the States. The crop-wise and state-wise details are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

(d): The production of certified quality seeds in the country has increased from 140.51 lakh quintals in 2005-06 to 353.62 lakh quintals in 2011-12. For sustained increase in the production of seeds, the Government of India is assisting the State Governments and seed producing agencies for seed related activities under various Programmes/Schemes viz:-

- i. National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
- ii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- iii. Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).
- iv. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).
- v. Technology Mission on Cotton.
- vi. Technology Mission on Jute & Mesta.
- vii. National Horticulture Mission (NHM).
- viii. Technology Mission for the North East (TMNE).
- ix. Development & Strengthening of Infrastructural Facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds.
- x. Mega Seed Project (Indian Council of Agricultural Research).