

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF SEEDS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether sufficient quantity of seeds including hybrid seeds are made available to the farmers well before the sowing season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the demand and availability of seeds of various crops, State-wise;
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure sufficient and timely availability of seeds to the farmers;
- (f) whether the Government proposes private participation in providing seeds; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**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) & (b): Yes, Madam. As reported by States the availability of certified/ quality seeds 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 detail is at Annexure-I.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): State wise requirement and availability of various crop seed is at Annexure-II.

(e): Assistance is provided under various Schemes of Government of India viz. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC), Technology Mission on Jute and Mesta (TMJ&M), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), etc. Such assistance covers components related to seed production, distribution, infrastructure, quality, dissemination, demonstration, etc.

(f) & (g): Private sector is contributing significantly to seed production. The certified/quality seeds likely to be made available by private sector in 2009-10 is 108.92 lakh quintals (38.94%) against the total availability of 279.72 lakh quintals.