

**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 any scheme is being formulated by the Union Government to provide seeds developed after Agriculture research and agri resources to the farmers easily and smoothly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up Central Agriculture Research Institute in each State; and
- (d) if so, the details

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Various policy and programme initiatives of the Department viz. National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oilpalm (NMOOP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (Submission on seeds and planting material), etc. are under implementation for increasing the availability of seeds. The details of the assistance provided by the Government to States/UTs for seed production during the last four years are at Annexure I. As reported by the States, the availability of certified/quality seeds in the country for 2014-15 at 351.76 lakh quintals is sufficient as compared to the demand of 343.55 lakh quintals. During the current Kharif-2015 the availability of certified/quality seeds at 140.76 lakh quintals is sufficient as compared to the demand of 136.54 lakh quintals.

(c) & (d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has 26 crop/commodity based institutes in different parts of the country. Majority of these institutes are addressing the issue of seed technological research and seed production. Among these institutions under the crop science division of ICAR, Directorate of Seed Research, Mau is the premier research institute on seed research with the mandate to conduct basic, applied, strategic and anticipatory

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research and co-ordinate seed research and production. This institute is engaged in co-ordinating the two national network projects on seeds in XII Plan viz. (i) All India Coordinated Crop Research Project (AICRP) – National Seed Project (Crops) with an outlay of Rs.125 crores involving 41 centers under Breeder Seed Production and 24 centers under Seed Technological Research, and (ii) ICAR Seed Project – "Seed Production in Agricultural Crops, Horticultural Crops and Fisheries" + Technology development + Establishment of Topical Seed Research and Quality Assurance Laboratory, with an outlay of Rs. 245.0 crores, with 62 co-operating centers under field crops component, 51 co-operating centers under horticultural component and 35 co-operating centers under fisheries component distributed across the states in India.