

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:213

ANSWERED ON:04.08.2015

Availability of Quality Seeds

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of quality seeds in the States including backward areas leading to a stagnant agriculture production;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the demand and availability of seeds for various crops during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the schemes under implementation to increase the production/ availability of quality seeds in the country; and
- (d) the funds allocated, released and utilized under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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- (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. 213 DUE FOR REPLY ON 4TH AUGUST, 2015.

(a): No, Madam. There is no shortage of quality seeds and no stagnation of agricultural production. The food grain production has increased consistently during the last 5 years from 218.10 million tons during 2009-2010 to an all time high of 265.6 million tons during 2013-14.

(b): As reported by the States, the availability of certified/quality seeds in the country during each of the last three years and the current year is sufficient to meet the demand. The crop wise details are at Annexure-I and the State wise details are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): For sustained increase in the production/availability of quality seeds in the country, the following specific programmes/schemes are being implemented :

- i. National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Materials).
- ii. All India Coordinated Research Project- National Seed Project (Crops)
- iii. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Seed Project
- iv. Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) – Vegetable seed production.

The details of State wise financial assistance/grant-in-aid allocated, released and utilized during last three years and current year are at Annexure-III to VI.

In addition, under three major agricultural schemes viz. the National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oilpalm (NMOOP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) also, components for increasing production/availability of quality seeds are being implemented.