

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of total demands of seeds in the country and the quantity of seeds supplied by Government agencies during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note that supply of seeds to farmers by the Government agencies is not upto the standard and as a consequence thereof a large number of farmers have to procure seeds from open market paying higher price;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the production and supply of seeds in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to make quality seeds available to the farmers at affordable prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a): As reported by the States, the state-wise details of total demands and supply of certified/quality seeds in the country and seeds supplied by the Government agencies during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c): No, Madam. Apart from supplying seeds through Government agencies, Government is also supporting seed production in private sector to promote innovation and competition among seed producers in the interest of the farmers. Farmers procure seeds from agencies which provides quality and price as per their choice.
- (d) & (e): The Government of India regularly assesses and coordinates seed demand and availability of certified/ quality seeds through the mechanism of Zonal Seed Review Meeting before Kharif and Rabi season every year and facilitates tie-up between states and seed agencies. To make quality seeds available to the farmers at affordable prices, Government of India provides assistance/ subsidy on seeds through various ongoing schemes/ programmes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oil seeds and Oilpalm (NMOOP), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (sub-mission on seeds & planting materials) etc.