

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1940**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/03/2023

**GENETICALLY EDITED SEEDS**

1940. DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the types of seeds available to the farmers that have been genetically edited for climate resilience; and
- (b) the plan of action for training and creating awareness about genetic editing?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): At present, no seeds of genetically edited varieties are available to the farmers in the Country; however, the research on gene editing in rice and few more crops is being undertaken by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Department of Biotechnology.

Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and National Institute for Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi have conducted several awareness programmes on gene editing for crop improvement.

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