

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1014
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND NOVEMBER, 2016

SEED DISTRIBUTION AND CERTIFICATION

1014. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the seed distribution carried out during the last two years through National Seeds Corporation Limited (NSCL);
- (b) the details of the certified seeds that NSCL is producing and the details of the mechanism the Government is following to produce certified seeds;
- (c) whether the Government has found that piracy of seeds is taking place;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken action to prevent such malpractices; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a): National Seeds Corporation Limited (NSCL) has distributed 16.71 lakh quintals and 13.98 lakh quintals of seeds during 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively.
- (b): Details of certified seeds produced by NSCL during Kharif, 2016 and Rabi, 2016-17 are enclosed as Annexure -I & II, respectively.

Section 8 of the Seeds Act, 1966 provides for the establishment of the Certification Agency by State Governments to maintain and make available certified seeds to the farmers of varieties notified under Section 5 of the Seeds Act to ensure genetic identity and genetic purity. 25 Seed Certification Agencies established by various State Governments certify seeds as per Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standard (IMSCS) approved by the Central Seed Certification Board (CSCB).

(c) to (e): Seed law enforcement is vested with the State Government within its jurisdiction as per Seeds Act, 1966. Any contravention of the provisions of the Seeds Act attracts penal provisions. No report relating to piracy of seed has been received from any State/UT.

ANNEXURE-I**Detail of crop wise certified seed being produced by NSC during Kharif 2016.**

Quantity in Quintals		
S.No	Crop	Production
1.	Paddy	167107
2.	Ragi	1000
3.	Soyabean	173721
4.	Groundnut	66378
5.	Sesamum	2043
6.	Niger	30
7.	Castor	510
8.	Arhar	22861
9.	Urd	18946
10.	Moong	20103
11.	Moth	2486
12.	Jute	9284
13.	Cowpea	400
14.	Bajra	1371
15.	Guar	3298
16.	F.Maize	15425
17.	Sorghum	4515
Grand Total Kharif 2016		509478

ANNEXURE -II**Detail of Crop wise certified seed being produced by NSC During Rabi 16-17**

Quantity in Quintals		
S.No	Crop	Exp Qty.
1.	Wheat	938800
2.	Barley	45175
3.	Bajra	500
4.	Maize	9500
5.	Paddy	37400
6.	Ragi	1000
7.	Sorghum	7500
8.	Moong	8000
9.	Urd	9900
10.	Cowpea	3000
11.	Lathyrus	3600
12.	Gram	235620
13.	Peas	18200
14.	Lentil	22330
15.	Linseed	1610
16.	G.Nut	118000
17.	Sunflower	1200
18.	Safflower	2200
19.	Mustard	40950
20.	Tarameera	120
21.	Toria	4620
22.	F.Maize	5000
23.	Lucern	200
24.	F.Sorghum	8300
25.	Berseem	400
26.	Oat	10550
	Grand Total Rabi 16-17	1533675
