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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5119
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

SEED PRODUCTION FACILITIES

5119. SHRI OM BIRLA:

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

- (a) whether the current seed production facilities are appropriate for tackling the requirement of farmers in the country, if so, the details thereof for the current year and the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government propose to reduce the seed prices for the upcoming Kharif season, if so, the details thereof along with any recommendations made by the seed industry representatives thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for encouragement of more seed production inline with the Government's agenda of doubling farm income by 2022, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of seeds through organic, hybrid and bio-ponic methods during the current year and the previous three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The current seed production facilities are appropriate for tackling the requirement of farmers in the country. The details for last three years and current year are as under :

Quantity in Lakh Quintals

| Year | Requirement | Production/ Availability |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 2014-15 | 343.56 | 351.77 |
| 2015-16 | 337.09 | 343.52 |
| 2016-17 | 353.49 | 380.29 |
| 2017-18 | 371.38 | 419.41 |

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(b): The seed price is controlled by the market forces. The Government do not control the price of seeds except Bt. Cotton seeds. As per the Cotton Seeds Price (Control) Order, 2015, maximum sale price of BG II version of Bt. Cotton seeds of 450 gram packet plus 120 gram at refugia is Rs.800 in 2016-17 and in 2018-19, it is further reduced to Rs.748 per packet of 450 gram of BG II cotton seeds plus 120 gram of refugia.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Government is encouraging more seed production inline with the Government's agenda of doubling farm income by supporting through various schemes as under :

| Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material components | Funds Released during 2017-18 (Rs. in crores) |
|--|---|
| Seed Village Programme | 141.29 |
| Creation of Seed Processing & Storage Infrastructure Facilities in Public Sector | 13.77 |
| Creation of Seed Processing & Storage Infrastructure Facilities in Private Sector | 7.33 |
| Establishment of Seed Processing & Storage Infrastructure Facilities at Gram Panchayat level | 180.00 |

(e): The Government is providing financial assistance to farmers for introduction of cropping system, organic seed procurement or raising organic nursery @Rs.500/acre/year for 50 acres through Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana for promotion of organic farming. From the year 2015-16 to current year 2017-18 an amount of Rs.89.1825 crore have been released to the States.

For increasing the production of hybrid seeds assistance are provided under National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI) and National Mission on Oilseed & Oilpalm (NMOOP) and the details of hybrid seed production during the last three years and current year are as under:

Quantity in Lakh Quintals

| Year | Production/Availability |
|---------|-------------------------|
| 2014-15 | 20.35 |
| 2015-16 | 25.91 |
| 2016-17 | 22.36 |
| 2017-18 | 26.42 |
