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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 17 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

### **ACCESS TO GOOD QUALITY SEEDS**

#### 17 SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

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

- (a) whether farmers especially in the backward areas of the country do not have access to good quality seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether agricultural production has been affected badly as a result of this problem and 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) & (b): No, Madam. Total quantity of certified/quality seeds distributed/sold to the farmers in the Country including in the backward areas were 304.04 lakh quintals in 2015-16, 348.58 lakh quintals in 2016-17 and 352.01 lakh quintals in 2017-18.
- (c): Total food grain production in 2015-16 was 251.57 million tones, in 2016-17 was 275.11 million tones and in 2017-18 was 284.83 million tones.

Total oil seeds production in 2015-16 was 25.25 million tones, in 2016-17 was 31.28 million tones and in 2017-18 was 31.31 million tones.

Cotton production in 2015-16 was 300.05 lakh bales, in 2016-17 were 325.77 lakh bales and in 2017-18 was 348.88 lakh bales.

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