

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 60**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

**IMPACT OF DEMONETIZATION ON AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

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

- (a) whether the Government has carried out any assessment of the impact of demonetisation on the agriculture sector in the country;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has submitted any report to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on finance on the impact of demonetization;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is huge fall in the sale of crop seeds after demonetisation; and
- (e) the details of seed sales in the country in the last five years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): No assessment of the impact of demonetization on the agriculture sector has been undertaken since the coverage and production of major crops has increased in 2016-17, the year of demonetization as compared to 2015-16.

(b) & (c): A Background Note for examination of the subject "**Demonetization of Indian Currency Notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 and ramifications thereof**" has been submitted to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance and the same is under examination by the Committee.

(d): No, Madam. In fact, the sale of seeds in 2016-17, the year of demonetization was 348.58 lakh quintals in comparison to the previous year 2015-16 sale of 304.04 lakh quintals, which is higher by 14.65%.

(e): The details of seed sold in the country during the last five years and Kharif season 2018-19 are as under:-

Year	Quantity of seeds sold (in Lakh Qtls.)
2013-14	301.39
2014-15	303.12
2015-16	304.04
2016-17	348.58
2017-18	352.01
2018-19 (Kharif season only, excluding Rabi season)	109.28

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