

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4933
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD JULY, 2019

NATIONAL SEEDS CONFERENCE

4933. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has held National Seeds Conferences during the last three years to help the farmers in time of their sowing season in view of the changing circumstances in the country;
- (b) if so, the complete details discussed and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the views of each State Government especially Andhra Pradesh in this regard and adoptions from such conferences?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India organizes National Conference on Agriculture Campaign before sowing season of Zaid, Kharif & Rabi to discuss various issues related to upcoming sowing season. In these conference issues related to seed were also discussed. The details of National Conferences organized by Ministry in last three years is given below:

S. No.	National Conference for	Date
1	Kharif-2019	25 & 26/04/2019
2	Zaid-2019	24/01/2019
3	Rabi 2018-19	18 & 19/09/2018
4	Kharif-2018	25 & 26/04/2018
5	Rabi 2017-18	19 & 20/09/2017
6	Kharif-2017	25 & 26/04/2017

(b) & (c): In these conferences various issues related to agriculture at National and State level were discussed (including Andhra Pradesh). The outcomes of discussion in these conferences on the seed sector are as follows:

- Review of seed requirement and availability is done in every conference. An outcome of this is that every year we have surplus seed in comparison to requirement. The requirement and availability of seed for the last three years is placed on annexure-I.

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- The seed of newly released high yielding varieties of different crop should be made available to farmers on time.
- Landmark varieties of different crops should be identified and their substitute may be developed to enhance productivity of different crops/varieties.
- Promotion of stress tolerant, climate resilient varieties to meet the requirement of climate change. Inclusion of bio-fortified varieties in public distribution system should be encouraged to cope up nutrition deficiency in the areas of malnutrition.
- Focus on preparation of dynamic seed rolling plan by States Government that include newly releases short & medium duration high yielding varieties of different crops.
- Capacity building by means of trainings for officials of seed law enforcement agencies, seed certification agencies, seed testing labs to be carried out.
- To popularize newly released varieties farm demonstration & awareness programs for farmers to be organized by the state government.
- Mechanism of seed traceability by seed bar-coding will be developed to ensure availability of quality seed to farmers.
- Varietal characteristics of newly released varieties should be made available to farmers to help them adapt new varieties rapidly.

Annexure-I

**State-wise details of Requirement and Availability of Certified & Quality seed
from 2016-17 to current Kharif 2019**

Quantity in Lakh Quintals

State	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		Kharif-2019	
	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
ANDHRA PRADESH	24.04	26.39	22.39	24.93	24.56	34.32	15.46	15.76
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.13	0.13
ASSAM	5.71	5.27	10.61	10.61	4.77	4.77	2.99	2.99
BIHAR	15.35	17.71	14.60	18.75	14.06	16.77	4.75	4.99
CHHATTISGARH	9.12	10.35	9.25	11.66	10.48	12.32	8.51	9.46
GOA	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03
GUJARAT	13.09	13.94	14.15	16.77	15.29	17.59	8.08	10.11
HARYANA	18.74	22.50	17.41	21.09	16.36	22.73	1.09	2.28
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1.41	1.41	1.11	1.11	1.29	1.29	0.27	0.27
JAMMU & KASHMIR	2.15	2.15	2.56	2.56	2.10	2.11	0.75	0.75
JHARKAND	5.94	4.82	4.96	6.23	5.26	9.38	2.98	0.62
KARNATAKA	16.50	19.61	16.00	19.47	15.59	18.74	11.18	13.32
KERALA	0.92	1.08	0.81	0.82	0.95	1.02	0.54	0.54
MADHYA PRADESH	40.70	42.06	44.92	50.92	44.15	42.89	20.37	21.62
MAHARASHTRA	22.53	23.18	34.28	35.94	25.62	26.08	16.39	17.14
MANIPUR	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.08	0.08
MEGHALAYA	0.23	0.23	0.37	0.37	0.22	0.22	0.19	0.19
MIZORAM	0.14	0.02	0.14	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.04
NAGALAND	1.36	0.59	0.53	0.51	1.25	0.35	0.56	0.56
ODISHA	10.54	13.04	9.35	7.10	6.35	6.04	5.36	6.46
PUDUCHERRY	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.02	0.02
PUNJAB	13.14	20.62	13.23	17.57	12.56	17.81	1.13	1.61
RAJASTHAN	22.60	26.27	23.04	29.32	23.21	27.49	8.55	9.28
SIKKIM	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.02	0.13	0.09	0.03	0.03
TAMILNADU	8.48	9.91	7.62	9.58	8.29	8.43	2.74	2.84
TELANGANA	14.10	16.75	15.23	19.39	14.62	19.37	8.22	9.71
TRIPURA	0.27	0.35	0.31	0.36	0.40	0.46	0.22	0.30
UTTAR PRADESH	62.86	55.60	64.36	64.78	59.35	59.32	11.55	11.69
UTTARKHAND	0.87	2.53	0.87	3.03	0.88	2.56	0.43	0.43
WEST BENGAL	42.14	43.36	42.67	45.94	45.19	46.16	7.75	8.99
TOTAL	353.49	380.30	371.38	419.41	353.54	398.88	140.36	152.24

R: Requirement

A: Availability

**Cropwise details of Requirement and Availability of Certified & Quality seed
from 2016-17 to current Kharif 2019**

Quantity in Lakh Quintals								
State	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		Kharif-2019	
	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A
WHEAT	117.55	136.57	121.26	149.77	122.78	139.01	-	-
PADDY	87.74	100.48	89.50	104.07	82.61	95.77	65.99	70.73
MAIZE	12.47	13.54	14.46	15.68	13.20	14.16	10.13	11.08
JOWAR	2.82	2.89	3.34	3.52	2.29	3.20	1.36	1.39
BAJRA	2.36	2.64	2.86	3.20	2.48	2.72	2.36	2.54
RAGI	0.34	0.56	0.30	0.47	0.31	0.52	0.26	0.42
BARLEY	2.44	2.95	2.30	3.48	1.89	3.07	-	-
OTHERS	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.0655	0.05859
CEREALS TOTAL	225.79	259.71	234.12	280.30	225.66	258.54	80.15	86.22
GRAM	17.65	16.01	17.16	19.27	20.87	25.25	-	-
LENTIL	1.47	1.15	1.37	1.36	1.48	1.53	-	-
PEAS	2.67	2.91	2.39	2.36	2.47	4.01	-	-
URD	2.67	2.9	2.74	3.74	3.08	4.14	2.15	2.49
MOONG	2.68	3.27	2.41	3.14	2.35	3.47	1.86	2.62
ARHAR	2.71	2.97	3.31	3.81	2.83	3.17	2.70	2.97
COWPEA	0.19	0.23	0.27	0.28	0.25	0.27	-	-
MOTH	0.20	0.21	0.19	0.24	0.20	0.22	0.20	0.22
OTHERS	1.42	1.63	1.42	1.44	1.51	1.57	1.30	1.35
PULSES TOTAL	31.66	31.28	31.26	35.64	35.04	43.63	8.21	9.65
GROUNDNUT	23.48	25.16	24.29	25.01	25.54	29.27	18.28	19.25
RAPE & MUSTARD	2.49	2.46	2.32	2.55	2.34	2.99	-	-
TIL	0.28	0.40	0.49	0.51	0.49	0.56	0.20	0.22
SUNFLOWER	0.39	0.40	0.20	0.21	0.28	0.43	0.14	0.17
SOYABEAN	29.00	29.63	35.65	40.25	29.11	28.17	30.41	33.42
LINSEED	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.05	0.14	0.11	-	-
CASTOR	0.58	0.84	0.60	0.63	0.56	0.62	0.44	0.53
SAFFLOWER	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.1	-	-
NIGER & OTHERS	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
OILSEED TOTAL	56.49	59.14	63.74	69.36	58.56	62.28	49.49	53.62
COTTON	2.22	2.35	3.17	3.46	2.20	2.46	2.09	2.37
JUTE	0.43	0.38	0.44	0.39	0.33	0.36	0.31	0.27
MESTA/OTHER	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	-	-

FIBRE TOTAL	2.65	2.73	3.61	3.85	2.55	2.84	2.39	2.64
POTATO	36.53	27.09	38.22	29.88	31.5	31.04	-	-
FODDERS & OTHERS	0.37	0.34	0.43	0.37	0.24	0.54	0.11077	0.11148
OTHERS TOTAL	36.90	27.43	38.65	30.25	31.74	31.58	0.11077	0.11148
GRAND TOTAL	353.49	380.29	371.38	419.41	353.55	398.87	140.36	152.24
R: REQUIREMENT A: AVAILABILITY								
