

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2427  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023

SEED EXPORT

2427. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's seed export remained low in comparison with its production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to boost the seed export;
- (c) whether the Government is constituting a committee to study the need of incentives for encouraging promotion of research and development in different sectors like seed, pharma and others; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a) & (b):** As per International Seed Federation, India's share in global seed exports during 2020 was 1.14%. The Government has been taking several measures to promote export of seeds. India has been a member of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Seed Schemes since October, 2008. India is participating in six OECD Seed Schemes viz. Cereals, Maize, Sorghum, Crucifers and other oil or fibre species, Grasses and Legumes and Vegetables. Participating in the OECD Seed Schemes facilitate the international trade among the member countries by using globally recognized labels and certificates. Since India joined OECD seed schemes, more than 250 Indian varieties of various aforesaid crops have been enlisted in OECD list of varietal certifications. Financial support is also provided to State seed certification agencies for implementation of OECD Seed Schemes to add to the seed exports from India.

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare is also promoting membership of International Seed Testing Association (ISTA). ISTA is engaged in developing standard seed

testing methods, facilitates the trade of quality seeds and makes a valuable contribution to food security. There are eight ISTA accredited member laboratories functioning in India.

**(c) & (d):** In the field of seed science & technology, Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR) is engaged in carrying out basic, strategic and anticipatory research through Indian Institute of Seed Science, Mau (UP). A number of research projects have been undertaken by IISS in collaboration with private partners. As regards, research in pharmaceutical sector, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has constituted an Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC) to periodically review and coordinate the research work undertaken in the pharmaceutical sector by various governmental organizations under different central Ministries/departments in a collective, synchronized, and synergized way for optimum utilization of funds.

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