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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3364**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023

**SUB-MISSION ON SEEDS AND PLANTING MATERIAL**

3364. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:  
SHRI ARUN SAO:

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

- (a) the details of the work done under Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to help farmers in providing pure organic seeds with the latest scientific methods and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of high yield quality seeds to farmers across the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The details of work done for the funds released under SMSP during last 5 years are as under:

1. A total number of 4.60 lakh Seed Villages have been organized/created from which 1024.38 lakh quintals of quality seed was produced benefitting 1.61 crore farmers.
2. A total of Seed Processing Capacity of 32.56 Lakh Quintals & Seed Storage Capacity of 36.71 Lakh Quintals had been sanctioned.
3. A total of 9.70 lakh quintals seed has been moved out of which 1.74 lakh quintals seed has been moved specifically in North-Eastern States.
4. Strengthening of 36 Seed Testing Laboratories (STLs), Renovation of 17 STLs, 10 DNA Finger Printing Facilities, 4 Seed Health Labs and 24 Grow Out Test farms.

(b): Government of India is implementing Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) under the National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) which aims at supporting and promoting organic farming. Under its component of adoption of organic village for manure management and biological nitrogen harvesting through cluster approach, an assistance at the rate of 50% is available for organic seed procurement or raising organic nursery for Rs. 500/acre per year for 50 acres.

(c): The details of steps being taken up by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to ensure availability of quality seed to the farmers:-

1). As a routine process Seed Division, DA&FW requests State Governments to prepare a Seed Rolling Plan three years in advance to estimate the requirement of seed in their state and distribute seed production targets accordingly to different seed production agencies. This system ensures timely availability of required quantity of seed to the farmers in different states.

2). Seed Division, DA&FW also ensures that the State Governments place their Breeder Seed indent of Agriculture and Horticulture crops one year in advance for systematic breeder seed production of indented quantities. After production the Breeder Seed is allotted to State Governments and other agencies for further multiplication into foundation and then certified seed and its distribution to the farmers.

3). Government provides financial assistance to different States and Government Seed Producing Agencies for production and distribution of seeds and for other interventions related to seed sector viz. National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials (SMSP) etc. so as to make quality seed available to the farmers in timely manner.

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