

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4490**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**DISTRIBUTION OF HYBRID SEEDS**

4490. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

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

- (a) whether the Government provides cross-breed seeds and hybrid seeds to the farmers for free so that the productivity can be increased;
- (b) if so, the number of distribution centres set up in the country;
- (c) whether the seeds have been distributed in Maharashtra State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the funds allocated and to be spent annually under this scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): Government of India is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) under which farmers are given certified seeds of newly released high-yielding varieties/hybrids of Pulses and Nutri cereals free of cost in form of seed minikits, to increase the productivity of agricultural crops.
- (b): The distribution of seeds is made to the farmers through the respective State Governments.
- (c) & (d): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 28 states & 2 Union Territories of the country including Maharashtra with the aim to enhance the production and productivity of agricultural crops.
- (e): The funds have been allocated as per the Annual Action Plan of the State Governments.