

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1980**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**SEED VILLAGE PROGRAMME**

1980. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

(a) whether the subsidy on seeds is provided to the farmers under Seed Village Programme as well as National Food Security Mission for the protection and promotion of traditional agricultural crops like millets and traditional varieties of other crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether subsidy on seeds is provided to the farmers under the said programme and Mission in Bihar and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any promotional activities are being carried out in Bihar Agricultural University for promotion of the traditional agricultural products and if so, the details thereof and the total amount sanctioned for this purpose?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government of India is implementing Seed Village Programme since 2014-15, to upgrade the quality of farm saved seeds. Under this programme financial assistance for distribution of foundation/certified seeds at 50% of seed cost for cereal crops (including millets i.e. Bajra, Ragi etc.) and 60% for pulses, oilseeds, fodder and green manure crops is available for up to one acre per farmer. Similarly, 50% assistance on seed cost is also available in National Food Security Mission (NFSM).

The detail of amount released and number of beneficiaries for last three years under SVP is as under:

S. No.	Financial Year	Fund Released (in Lakhs)	No of Beneficiaries
1	2020-21	12830.40	36,49,041
2	2021-22	3071.56	31,65,025
3	2022-23	11306.55	26,27,567

(c): Yes, Sir. The detail under the said programme for the State of Bihar is as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fund Released (in Lakhs)</b>
1	2020-21	540.89
2	2021-22	-
3	2022-23	157.45

(d): Efforts are being made for promotion of important traditional crop varieties. Several meetings with stakeholders including growers and buyers, exporters have been organized. Also, awareness-cum-training programme on “Millets & millet based value added product for farmers and extension functionaries” was organized and Centre of Excellence for millets value chain had been established at Bihar Agricultural University. In Katarni Rice, Rs. 373 lakhs has been released for promotional activity under RKVY-RAFTAAR scheme.

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