

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 280
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

BOOSTING AGRICULTURE IN RAJASTHAN

280. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to give boost to agriculture in inaccessible and dry areas like Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether hybrid seeds have been developed for giving high yield and requiring less water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Agriculture is a State subject. However, Government of India facilitates the State Governments through various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes viz. National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana etc. Government of India is implementing Micro Irrigation (MI) as part of the PMSKY-Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) across the country for enhancing productivity and minimizing risk associated with climatic variability in inaccessible and dry areas like Rajasthan.

Funds released under the PMSKY – Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) Scheme to the State of Rajasthan during the last 3 years and current year are as follow:

Year	Rupees in Crores
2016-17	129.00
2017-18	107.50
2018-19	168.48
2019-20	75.00
Total	479.98

*Upto October, 2019

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(c) & (d): Hybrid varieties of seeds have been developed with resilience to moisture stress. These hybrids have high level of moisture stress tolerance. Likewise in case of sorghum, moisture tolerant hybrids are in cultivation in states like MP, Maharashtra and Karnataka. As reported by the States the requirement and availability of Certified/quality seeds of high yielding Hybrids (including Rajasthan) during the years 2017-18 to 2019-20 is Annexed.

REQUIREMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF CERTIFIED / QUALITY SEEDS OF HYBRIDS							
Quantity in Quintals							
S.No.	CROP	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
		Requirement	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Production/ Availability
1	PADDY	523745	585223	532229	692970	555160	576166
2	MAIZE	1134359	1296257	1160558	1248282	968625	1304139
3	JOWAR	165321	182247	106203	143056	135402	189063
4	BAJRA	259317	288101	198973	217230	242937	265368
5	ARHAR	3630	4560	410	425	3969	4128
6	SUNFLOWER	7682	8513	26816	41368	15349	17421
7	SAFLOWER	339	339			-	-
8	CASTOR	52304	54852	49555	54619	23091	30678
9	COTTON	198738	222743	179923	193648	179363	207593
	TOTAL	2345434	2642835	2254667	2591598	2123896	2594556
