

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1978
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MARCH, 2020

QUALITY SEEDS

1978. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether farmers, especially those belonging to the backward regions in the country, are not able to access good quality seeds;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the said problem has resulted in stagnation in production and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The sufficient quantity of certified/quality seeds is available in the country, including backward regions. The requirement/demand and availability/production of certified/quality seeds in the country during the last two and current year is as under :

(Quantity of Seeds in lakh Quintals)

S.No.	Year	Requirement/ Demand	Availability/ Production
1.	2017-18	371.38	419.41
2.	2018-19	353.55	398.87
3.	2019-20	387.31	431.01

(c): There is increase in food grain production from the year 2017-18 to 2019-20 (2nd advance estimate).

The detail of food grain production is as under.

S.No.	Year	Foodgrains production (Million Tonnes)
1.	2017-18	285.10
2.	2018-19	285.21
3.	2019-20 (2 nd advance estimate)	291.95