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

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.420

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

## **UNSOLICITED/SUSPICIOUS SEED PARCELS**

420. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that unsolicited/ suspicious seed parcels in mislabelled packages from unknown sources were reported in the country, if so the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, whether the Government has received any information about Chinese seeds penetrating into Indian fields, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

## **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): No Sir, No State, State Seeds Corporations, State Seeds Certification Agencies, State Agricultural Universities etc. have not reported regarding receiving of unsolicited/suspicious seed parcels from unknown sources.

The Government of India has issued directions to all concerned to be vigilant about unsolicited/ suspicious seed parcels from unknown sources.