

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.459
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER, 2021

SHORTAGE OF ONION SEEDS

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

459. SHRI BALAK NATH:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of onion seeds in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has decided not to export onion seeds;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Government provides subsidy for constructing storage facility for onions, and if so the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, due to heavy and erratic rainfall, the onion seeds production crops got affected in the major onion growing State i.e. Maharashtra resulting to shortage of onion seeds in the country. Accordingly, Govt. of Maharashtra requested to withhold the export of onion seeds and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) vide Notification no.43/2015-20 dated 29th October, 2020 prohibited the export of onion seeds.

(d): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare through Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) provides assistance for creation of low cost onion storage structure for which assistance is given @50% of maximum cost of Rs.1.75 Lakh/Unit having a capacity of 25 MT.