

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3183
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2022

PROVISION OF HIGH QUALITY SEEDS

3183. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government provides cross-breed seeds and hybrid seeds to the farmers for free so that the productivity can be increased;
- (b) if so, the number of distribution centres set up in the country including in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;
- (c) the funds allocated to be spent annually under this scheme;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of fertilizers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NAREDNRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b): The Government has approved a pilot project for Hybrid seed mini kits distribution of Mustard through National Seeds Corporation (NSC) during Rabi-2021-22 under National Food Security Mission-Oilseeds (NFSM-OS). Hybrid seeds of Rapeseed & Mustard has been distributed in 7 districts of 5 states to the farmers through State Department of Agriculture on free of cost. Details of Hybrid seed distribution is tabulated below:

S. No.	State	Districts	Minikit (in No.)	Qty (in qtls)
1	Gujarat	Banaskantha	20000	300
2	Haryana	Hisar	15000	225
3	Madhya Pradesh	Murena, Sheopurkala	30000	350
4	Rajasthan	Bharatpur	20000	260
5	Uttar Pradesh	Etah, Varanasi	35000	480
	Total		120000	1615

(c): Fund allocated under distribution of Hybrid seeds of Rapeseed & Mustard was to the sum of Rs. 7.80 crore during 2021-22.

(d)& (e): Department of Fertilizers has informed the availability of fertilizers is comfortable across the country and no shortage is being reported by the States/UTs.