

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 24  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**BHARATIYA BEEJ SAHAKARI SAMITI LIMITED**

**\*24 SHRI SATISH KUMAR GAUTAM:**

Will the Minister of COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) proposes to conserve and promote traditional seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the various steps taken so far;
- (c) whether BBSSL is working to document and preserve traditional indigenous seed varieties as part of its ongoing initiatives;
- (d) whether local communities and traditional seeds conservationists or activists are being involved in BBSSL's initiatives to promote traditional seeds; and
- (e) whether BBSSL is collaborating with State Governments to identify and promote traditional seeds and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION  
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 24 “BHARATIYA BEEJ SAHAKARI SAMITI LIMITED” ASKED BY  
SHRI SATISH KUMAR GAUTAM , HON’BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DUE FOR REPLY  
ON 02<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2025.**

(a): Yes Sir, Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) has been set up to undertake production, procurement & distribution of quality seeds under the brand name Bharat Beej, and develop a system for preservation and promotion of indigenous natural seeds.

(b) BBSSL has taken key strategic initiatives to promote traditional seed varieties. BBSSL has also done MOUs with IRDF in Uttarakhand, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in Telangana and Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences & Technology Trust in Karnataka to bring together farmers and farmer groups engaged in conservation and propagation of traditional seed varieties, Agro climatic mapping and nutritional analysis, purification of seed material and building a digital repository in the states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Gujrat, Odisha, Telangana and Southern states.

(c): Yes Sir, it is one of the mandates of BBSSL.

(d): Yes Sir, community-based participation is done through ICRISAT, Indian Rural Development Foundation (IRDF) and Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences & Technology Trust.

(e): Yes Sir, BBSSL is collaborating with State Governments to identify and promote traditional seeds. As on date, four States have expressed their interest in collaboration.

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