

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3855**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

**IMPORT OF SEEDS**

3855. SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is importing seeds of different agro products to improve the yields;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any observation system to evaluate the quality of such seeds; and
- (c) if so, the details of seeds imported and the testing procedures therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is not importing any seeds directly. However, under the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988, any firm or organization or individual may import seeds and planting materials available anywhere in the world subject to fulfillment of Plant Quarantine requirements. Seeds of certain crops like cereals, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds and fodder crops are required to be evaluated in Indian Council of Agricultural Research/In-house multi-location trial for one season before allowing for bulk import.

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