

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1786
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH MARCH, 2016

SEED SUBSIDY

1786. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are rampant scams in seed subsidy in various States;
- (b) if so, the number and the details of cases of scams related to seed subsidy registered so far during the last five years and the extent of loss suffered by the farmers due to these scams;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the details of the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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): No such instances have been reported from States. However, National Seeds Corporation Limited (NSC) has reported that CBI has registered cases involving fourteen employees of NSC against whom criminal prosecution proceedings are underway. No such survey has been conducted as reported by the States.
- (d): The details are at annexure-I.

The details of steps being taken by the Government in providing Seed subsidy

- Seed subsidy is being provided to farmers directly through e payment in Kerala.
- Punjab State Government has directed to Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited to credit the amount of subsidy direct in the account of farmers who purchase certified seed of wheat on subsidy.
- The decision has already been taken by the Odisha Government to introduce Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in transmitting the seed subsidy to the farmers from Kharif 2016 onwards.
- In Uttar Pradesh seed subsidy is transferred through DBT system and seed distribution agencies in Uttar Pradesh i.e. Uttar Pradesh Seed Development Corporation (UPSDC), Pradesh Cooperative Federation (PCF), Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative Limited (IFFDC), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) are also selling certified seeds through own outlet with subsidies being transferred through DBT.
- In Tamil Nadu, beneficiaries have to registered under farm crop management system.
- In Bihar, seed subsidy is transferred to the farmers through DBT.
