

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016

**USE OF HYBRID SEEDS**

1449. SHRI G. HARI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the economic survey has favoured use of hybrid and genetically modified seeds to increase the agricultural productivity since there is limited scope for increasing acreage; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a): Economic survey 2015-16 has stated that “the adoption of Hybrid and High Yielding Varieties (HYVs) seeds is one definite pathway to raising productivity in Indian Agriculture”.
- (b): Government is open to all technologies, including GM technologies that are useful for our farmers subject to conformity with our environmental laws and regulations. Hybrid technology in Maize, Sorghum, Bajara, Sunflower, Castor, Cotton & Rice and GM technology in cotton, as well as HYVs in all crops, have already been widely adopted in the country.

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