

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SEED DIRECTORATE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to set up a Seed Directorate by promoting the National Seed Project during the Tenth Plan;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the farmers are likely to be benefited with the setting up of such directorate;
- (c) the names of the States where such directorates are proposed to be set up; and
- (d) the complete details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has upgraded the National Seed Project (Crops) and established a Directorate of Seed Research at Mau, Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan.
- (b) The Directorate of Seed Research will be instrumental in further strengthening seed technology research and breeder seed production programme to ultimately benefit the farmers with availability of quality seed.
- (c) & (d): The Directorate has been established with its Headquarter at Distt. Mau, Uttar Pradesh, and 55 centres on seed technology research and breeder seed production. The Directorate of Seed Research has a Tenth Plan budget allocation of Rs.3703.89 lakhs.