

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:174

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2005

DEVELOPMENT OF WHEAT VARIETY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed a variety of wheat which can be sowed ever after 60 days of the sowing season as reported in the `Dainik Jagaran` dated November 13, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether an assessment has been made in regard to ripening period of this variety of wheat;
- (c) if so, whether centres are being set up to distribute such seeds to the farmers;
- (d) if so, whether its rates have since been fixed;
- (e) whether any assessment of the yield of this variety of seeds has also been made;
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2005 REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF WHEAT VARIETY".

(a) The Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, unit of Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed a wheat variety WR 544 (Pusa Gold) suitable for very late sown irrigated conditions for growing in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The variety is released for Delhi State.

(b) The ripening period of this variety is about 90 to 100 days when sown in January.

(c) & (d): The seeds of this variety are available at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi for the use of farmers. It is being sold at the rate of Rs.15/- per Kg.

(e) & (f): The average yield of this variety is about 35 q/ha under very late sown conditions.