

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH G.M. PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to increase agricultural productivity through genetically modified products; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Government had set up a Task Force on Application of Biotechnology in Agriculture under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan. Follow up action on the recommendations of the Task Force has been taken in consultation with concerned Ministries/Departments. The Central Sector Scheme `Development & Strengthening of Seed Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds` has a budgetary provision of Rs.14.00 crores for the remaining two years of the Tenth Five Year plan for `Use of Biotechnology in Agriculture`.