

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:314
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2006
FACILITIES FOR SEED PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen infrastructural facilities for seed production in the country;
- (b) the special facilities provided for strengthening seed production in the North-Eastern Region; and
- (c) the results achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 314 DUE FOR REPLY ON 13TH MARCH, 2006.

(a): Government has introduced a scheme on `Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed`. The components of the scheme are:-

- i. Seed Village Scheme.
- ii. Assistance for Creation of Infrastructure Facilities.
- iii. Assistance for boosting seed production in private sector.
- iv. Establishment and Maintenance of Seed Bank.
- v. Quality Control Arrangements on Seed.
- vi. Transport subsidy on movement of seeds to North East and other hilly areas.
- vii. Assistance for Seed export.
- viii. Use of Bio-technology in Crops production.
- ix. Promotion of use of hybrid seed of rice.
- x. Human Resources Development.

Further, assistance for seed production and distribution is also provided under

- (i) Integrated Scheme on Oil Seeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM)
- (ii) Macro Management of Agriculture
- (iii) Technology Mission on Cotton.

(b) & (c): Assistance has been provided to North Eastern Region as under:

Scheme State Amount in Lakhs

Macro Management	Manipur	58.20
of Agriculture	Nagaland	25.40
(For strengthening	Tripura	8.20
State Seed Farms)	Arunachal Pradesh	6.50

Assam 62.49

Establishment and
Maintenance of
Seed Bank

Seed godown Assam Seed Corporation 50.00

Data Bank Information -do- 10.50
System

Revolving Fund for -do- 72.00
procurement of Seed

Strengthening of State Sikkim 15.00
Seed Testing Meghalaya 15.00
Laboratories