

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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INCOME GENERATED BY POPPY SEEDS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States in which contracts of poppy seeds are being awarded;
- (b) the income earned by such States from the said contracts;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to discontinue the practice of awarding contracts of poppy seeds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) No contracts of poppy seeds are awarded in the country.
- (b), (c) and (d) Do not arise.