

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether adequate quantity of good quality high yielding seeds is not available to the farmers in time and they are forced to buy the same from private traders at high rate without any guarantee for its germination ;
- (b) If so, the efforts made to rectify the situation; and
- (c) The action taken against spurious seed dealers during the last three years ?

Answer

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

(a)to(c):In Zonal Seed Review Meetings for Rabi 2006-07, it was reported that 80.52 lakh quintals of certified/quality seeds of various crops were available as against the requirement of 68.53 lakh quintals and meet the minimum standards including those belongings to germination as per section 6(a) and

(b) of the Seeds Act, (1966). To encourage use of quality seeds at affordable prices to the farmers, seed distribution subsidy @ Rs.200 per quintal for Wheat and Paddy seeds, Rs.2500 per quintal for hybrid Rice seeds, Rs.400 per quintal for Barley, Jowar, Bajra and Ragi seeds, Rs.1000 per quintal for hybrid seed of coarse cereals, Rs.800 per quintal or 25% of seed cost which ever is less for seeds of Pulses, Oilseeds, Maize, Jute and Mesta and Rs. 2000 per quintal for Cotton seeds is provided to State Governments under different crop development programmes. The details of action taken for seed quality enforcement in the last three years are given in Annexure I and II.