

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:374

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USE OF QUALITY SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The income earned by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) from its units of seed production during the last three years ;
- (b) Whether the KVKs are able to supply adequate quantity of quality seeds to farmers in the country ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) If not, the steps taken to popularise the use of quality seeds from KVKs ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.374 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18/12/2006 REGARDING `USE OF QUALITY SEEDS`

(a) Each KVK has an instructional farm that is used for facilitating skill- training of farmers. The KVKs undertake production of seeds and planting material at their instructional farms on a limited scale. During the last three years (2003-04 to 2005-06), an amount of Rs 1409.79 lakh has been earned by the KVKs from the sale of seeds and planting material.

(b)&(c) : The seed chain involves production of breeder seeds to foundation to certified/ quality seeds. Production and supply of quality seed is primarily the responsibility of development departments. In this endeavour, breeder seed is produced by the ICAR institutes and State Agricultural Universities, whereas the production of certified seed is largely undertaken by the State Seed Corporations and State Farm Corporation of India. During the last three years, the availability of certified/quality seeds was 397.16 lakh quintals, against the requirement of 317.23 lakh quintals. During the same period, 2.11 lakh quintals of seeds, 123.2 lakh planting material and 242.84 lakh livestock strain/ fingerling were produced by the KVKs.

(d) The steps taken to popularise the use of quality seeds by the KVKs include organising frontline demonstration to establish its production potential, training programme to upgrade the knowledge and skills of farmers and extension personnel and creating awareness through various extension activities.