

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HYBRID PADDY CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has issued directions to States for encouraging the farmers to undertake cultivation of hybrid paddy; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing the restructured scheme `Development & Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds` since 2005-06. Hybrid Rice Seed Production is one of the main components of the scheme. Under this component, production subsidy @ Rs.20/- per Kg. and distribution subsidy @ Rs.25/- per Kg. is given to various implementing agencies, including State Governments. Financial assistance is also given for organizing training programmes on hybrid rice seed production @ Rs.15,000/- per training. Under this component, Rs.241.45 lakhs were released during 2005-06. Rs.166.24 lakhs have been released so far during 2006-07.