

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:82
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2007
PRODUCTION OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has drawn up a plan for increasing the production of wheat in some districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the names of districts so identified;
- (c) the details of assistance proposed to be provided to these identified districts;
- (d) whether improved variety of seed has been allocated to these identified districts; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 82 DUE FOR REPLY ON 5TH MARCH, 2007.

(a) to (e): The Government has drawn up a three-year plan for increasing the production and productivity of wheat in 138 identified districts of nine States viz. Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The list of the identified districts is given in the Annexure. Under the plan, it is proposed to extend assistance to farmers for quality seed of improved varieties of wheat, demonstration on improved package of practices, micro-nutrients, improved farm implements and subsidy for diesel. During 2006-07, 47,935 quintals of quality seeds of improved varieties of wheat have been distributed in different wheat producing States for conducting field demonstrations under ongoing scheme of Macro Management Programme.