

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware due to rains and floods in eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Assam sowing of Kharif crop has been delayed;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has identified certain seeds which can be sown at a later time;
- (c) if so, the names of such seeds and the availability of these seeds in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has made any arrangements for making these seeds available; and
- (e) if so, the quantum of seeds allocated to each State so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): The Government is supporting `Establishment and Maintenance of Seed Bank` a component of the Central Sector Scheme `Development and Strengthening of Infrastructural Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds` to ensure the availability of seeds to meet natural calamities and unforeseen conditions like flood. All the State Seeds Corporations including National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India have been allotted targets to maintain certified seed of identified suitable short duration crops/ varieties for the year 2007-08. The details of different crop certified seed maintained in the Seed Bank are in Annexure-I & II. In addition to the above, details of Seed Minikits of Pulses, Oilseeds and Maize allocated to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during Kharif 2007 and Rabi 2007-08 are in Annexure-III.