

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1884
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POTATO SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cost of potato seeds has recorded a phenomenal increase thereby putting it out of the reach of poor farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Potato seeds price have increased due to lower production on account of blight disease, deficient rainfall and damage due to floods in several parts of the country.

The area is expected to be increased in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh during Rabi season.