

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that supply of seeds and fertilizers are not being made properly by the Co-operative Societies in various regions of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor as it is likely to delay the sowing of Rabi crops; and
- (c) the details of measures being taken by the Government to ensure timely supply of fertilizers and seeds to the farmers for Rabi crops?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. As reported by the State Government during Rabi 2014-15, the availability of certified/quality seeds in Uttar Pradesh including by cooperatives is 45.38 lakh quintals as compared to requirement of 44.56 lakh quintals. The overall demand for fertilizers from the U.P. Government for Rabi Season is 52.05 lakh metric tons against which a supply of 44.39 lakh metric tons has been made.

The cooperative societies in Uttar Pradesh have supplied 14 lakh metric tons fertilizers and 5.88 lakh quintal seeds to farmers in various regions of Uttar Pradesh for Rabi crops.

(c): The Government of India is taking all efforts to make available seeds and fertilizers to the farmers at affordable rates. The Government of India is assisting the State Governments and seed producing agencies for seed related activities through various ongoing schemes/programmes of the Department including National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material (SMSP) under National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET). Adequate supply of fertilizers to the farmers is ensured through month-wise demand, assessment and projection made by the Government before commencement of each cropping season. Accordingly, Government allocated sufficient/adequate quantity of fertilizers to these States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitoring the supply plan through on-line web based monitoring systems called Fertilizers Monitoring System.