

- 7 licenses of Seed Sellers cancelled, 39 licenses suspended and 4 First Information Report lodged in Police Station along with one case filed in the Court of Law.

The Government of Maharashtra has strengthened their seed quality control set up and as part of seed law enforcement, the samples are drawn from the processing plants, warehouses, distributors and retail dealers. Thereafter, notified seed laboratories carry the analytical part and legal actions are taken against the concerned for supplying sub-standard seeds.

Performance of agricultural universities

1851. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the performance of various agricultural universities in the country with respect to raising the agricultural productivity in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures Government proposes to take to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Detailed impact of farm techniques on growth of agriculture and allied sector is given in the Statement. [*Refer to the Statement-II USQ No. 1849 Part (b)*]

Shortage of cold storage capacity

1852. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of vegetables and fruits being produced in the country annually;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage of cold storage capacity in the country leads to huge wastage of fruits and vegetables every year; and

(c) if so, State-wise details thereof of the cold storage capacity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) The total quantity of vegetables and fruits