

	Annual comm./ hort. crops	Annual comm./ hort. crops
1.	Cotton	Sugarcane
2.	Sugarcane	Banana
3.	Potato	Cotton
4.	Onion	Potato
5.	Ginger	Chilly
6.	Chillies	Ginger
7.	Tapioca	Onion
8.	Banana	Turmeric
9.	Jeera	Pineapple
10.	Garlic	Tapioca
11.	Isabgol	Jute
12.	Sonf	
13.	Brinjal	

Supply of new varieties of seeds to farmers

†2265. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has resolved to strengthen the farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any arrangement has been made to make seeds and fertilizers available to farmers on time; and

(c) if so, the number of panchayats in Bihar where the new kind of seeds and fertilizers have been made available, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To ensure seeds and fertilizers availability to farmers on time the following actions are

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

taken by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW):-

- In the beginning of crop, season seed requirement and source-wise availability of seeds is assessed through the State Agriculture Department.
- As per the requirement, district-wise and source-wise seed distribution target is fixed and this is monitored at state and central levels through regular meetings/reviews.
- To make available chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK) to farmers on time, the following arrangements have been made by Department of Fertilizers:
- The month-wise demand is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of current cropping season.
- On the basis of month-wise and State-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitoring the availability through following system:
 - (i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS).
 - (ii) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.
 - (iii) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.
 - (iv) The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through import.
- (c) In all existing 8460 panchayats in Bihar, new types of seeds have been made available to farmers by implementing various Central and State schemes like Chief Minister Seed Crash Programme, Integrated Seed Village Scheme and Distribution of Certified Seeds through various schemes.

All types of fertilizers which are notified under Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985 are made available in sufficient quantity through 23924 retail fertilizers dealers to the farmers in the State.

Demand and production of rice and wheat

2266. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of rice and wheat during the last three years ending 2014-15;
- (b) the gap between the demand for these grains and their production;
- (c) the estimate of production of these grains during 2015-16 and 2016-17;
- (d) the gap, if any, between the demand and supply of these grains in these two years; and
- (e) how shall Government fill up this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) The details of estimated production *vis-a-vis* projected demand and gap between production and demand of rice and wheat in the country during last three years *i.e.* 2012-13 to 2014-15 are as under:

(In Million Tonnes)						
Year	Estimated Production		Projected Demand		Gap (Production -Demand)	
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
2012-13	105.24	93.51	105.00	82.00	0.24	11.51
2013-14	106.65	95.85	106.00	84.00	0.65	11.85
2014-15	104.80*	88.94*	107.00	85.00	-2.20	3.94

* As per 4th Advance Estimates

(c) and (d) The details of projected demand of rice and wheat in the country for 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as under:-