

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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 RAJYA SABHA  
 UNSTARRED Q UESTION NO - 1315  
 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30/07/2021

NON-AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY SEEDS IN THE MARKET

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether, it is a fact that the farmers are compelled to purchase inauthentic and low quality seeds in the market;
- (b) if so, whether Government is going to take any concrete initiative to strictly certify the seeds provided in the private market and make high quality seeds available in the market; and
- (c) if so, by when and the manner in which Government would do so?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) No, Sir,

(b) & (c) The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by coordinating seed requirement and availability of quality seeds in the states through Zonal Seed Review Meeting held before every crop season, by a weekly video conference on inputs availability as well as the bi-annual National Kharif and Rabi campaign meeting to access the availability of certified/quality seeds with state for farmers in the market.

As reported by the States the requirement and availability of certified/quality seeds in the country during 2018-19 to Kharif-2021 is as under:

Year	Require ment	Qty. in Lakh Quintals
		Availability
2018-19	353.55	398.87
2019-20	387.31	431.01
2020-21	443.16	483.66
Kharif-2021	154.50	165.08

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