

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FAILURE OF BT TECHNOLOGY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a failure of the BT Technology used in the genetically modified cotton planted on a commercial scale for the first time this Kharif season;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the areas in acres where the BT cotton has been planted during this Kharif season, State- wise; and

(d) the production of BT Cotton during this Kharif season, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The State-wise area under BT cotton during Kharif, 2002 is estimated as:

(Area in acres)

Gujarat	22918
Madhya Pradesh	3676
Maharashtra	30227
Andhra Pradesh	9192
Karnataka	5463
Tamil Nadu	1485

(d): The crop of BT cotton during Kharif 2002 has not been fully harvested.