

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1832
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BT. COTTON SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after Andhra Pradesh and some other States BT Cotton seeds failed to germinate in large scale in Tamil Nadu resulting in great loss to cotton-growers;
- (b) if so, whether the cotton seeds of other varieties, the cost of which is substantially less than BT Cotton seeds, did germinate 100 percent;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to do away with the BT Cotton seeds; and
- (e) if so, the efforts being made to compensate the cotton growers who suffered heavy losses and are on the verge of total ruin?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a)to(c): As per the information provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu, there is no report of failure of Bt. cotton crop in the State.
- (d)&(e): Question does not arise.