

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF BT. COTTON SEED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bt. Cotton seed has been found suited for cultivation in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and other States;
- (b) if so, the extent and the acreage under cultivation of this cotton seed in different States, during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the extent to which the cotton yield per acre has increased thereby in different States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): As per information provided by different States, Bt. cotton seed has been found suitable for cultivation in these States.
- (b): The acreage under Bt. cotton in last three years and current year has been as under:

(Area in acres)

States	Kharif-2002 (estimated)	Kharif-2003	Kharif-2004	Kharif-2005
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Andhra Pradesh	9,404	13,500	1,76,000	2,23,422
Madhya Pradesh	3,676	33,000	2,12,798	3,36,597
Gujarat	22,577	1,03,000	3,11,157	3,68,812
Maharashtra	30,699	54,000	3,99,000	12,56,961
Karnataka	5,401	7,500	84,764	72,510
Tamilnadu	925	19,000	29,640	42,048
Punjab		1,74,024		
Haryana		26,606		
Rajasthan		5,703		
Total	72,682	2,30,000	12,13,359	25,06,683

- (c): An increase in the yield of Bt. Cotton varieties from 15 – 30% has been reported by different Bt. Cotton growing States.