

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the per hectare yield cotton in rain-fed areas, State-wise;
- (b) whether the per hectare yield in rain-fed areas of Vidarbha region is the lowest; and
- (c) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per latest available data, the per hectare yield of cotton in predominantly rain-fed areas of major cotton producing States for the year 2003-04 is given below:

State Yield of Cotton (Kg/Hectare)

Andhra Pradesh	384
Gujarat	417
Karnataka	142
Madhya Pradesh	193
Maharashtra	190
Orissa	409
Tamilnadu	213

(b): The yield of cotton in the rain-fed districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra ranges between 141 Kg/Hectare to 264 Kg/Hectare during 2003-04.

(c): For increasing production and productivity and improving the quality of cotton, Government of India has launched technology mission from 2000-01. Under this mission, assistance is provided for production and distribution of seeds of varieties/hybrids not older than 15 years, transfer of technology through demonstrations, training of farmers and extension workers, plant protection measures including Integrated Pest Management demonstrations, supply of sprayers, pheromone traps, bio-agents as well as water saving devices like sprinklers and drip irrigation system.