

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DECREASING SOWING AREA OF COTTON CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the net sown area under cotton has declined during the last year and current year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether the pest attack has led to decline in cotton production during the said period;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to take concrete steps under Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for protection of cotton from pest attack;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the number of IPM centres functioning at present in the country, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Sir, the area under cultivation of cotton in the country has increased from 86.77 lakh hectare in 2005-06 to 91.58 lakh hectare in 2006-07 (provisional).
- (c): The decline in cotton production due to any major pest attack has not been reported by any state during 2005-06 and 2006-07. The production of cotton has increased from 184.99 in 2005-06 to 209.64 lakh bales in 2006-07.
- (d) & (e): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton is under implementation in 13 States with a focus on Integrated Pest Management.
- (f): The Government of India has established 31 central Integrated Pest Management centres. The State-wise list of IPM centres in the country is given in the Annexure.