

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR COTTON GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cotton farmers are facing severe hardship on account of failure of their crops;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof indicating the extent of losses suffered, State- wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has provided/proposes to provide additional assistance to States for tiding over the crisis during the last year and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details of the funds provided and utilized during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Failure of cotton crop has not been reported from any cotton growing state during 2006-07. Production and productivity of cotton have been increasing continuously. The production of cotton has increased from 95.24 lakh bales in 2000-01 to about 209.64 lakh bales in 2006-07. Yield for the corresponding period has also increased from 190 kg lint per hectare to 389 kg lint per hectare.