

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:825  
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STUDY ON BT. COTTON  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a new study on the introduction of Bt. Cotton reveals that it has failed to produce desired results in some regions of the country particularly Vidarbha as reported in The Hindu dated March 16, 2007;
- (b) if so, whether the preliminary data shows that farmers who had adopted Bt. Cotton had a net lower income than non-Bt. Cotton farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Government of Maharashtra have informed that as per evaluation of performance of Bt. Cotton carried out in the State, including Vidarbha region, during 2002 to 2005, average yield of Bt. Cotton was found to be higher by 29.54% in the State. Further, no failure of Bt. Cotton in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra has been reported.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.