

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BT COTTON CROP DAMAGED IN PUNJAB

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the BT Cotton crop at Anandwan college of Agriculture farm near Nagpur has been devastated by American bollworm against which it was supposed to have been genetically fortified;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the name of institution which purchased the seeds for the said crop along with the name of institution which produced the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) and (b): The Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur, has, on the basis of field visit by a team of their scientists to the Anandwan college of Agriculture, Warora, reported that the Bt. cotton crop at Anandwan has not been devastated by American Bollworm.

(c): The Bt. cotton seed was produced by M/s. MAHYCO, marketed by M/s Mahyco Monsanto Biotech (India) Ltd., Mumbai & supplied free of cost to the Anandwan college of Agriculture, Warora for testing purposes.