

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:43
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2003
SUPPLY OF BT COTTON SEED TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether nearly 50,000 farmers were supplied with B.T. cotton seeds by M. Monsanto Company of America after the company was given clearance by the GEAC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the reaction of these farmers thereto;
- (d) whether a team of Scientists commissioned by GEAC submitted its report after visiting Mandleshwar in M.P;
- (e) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (f) the action the Government propose to take to prevent the loss to farmers from the Genetically Modified seeds?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): 41328 farmers were supplied Bt. Cotton seeds during 2002-2003 as under:

State	No. of farmers
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Madhya Pradesh	2016
Gujarat	13269
Maharashtra	15935
Andhra Pradesh	6853
Karnataka	2960
Tamil Nadu	295

Total	41328
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- (c): The Committee constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forests has found the performance of Bt. Cotton to be satisfactory.
- (d): Yes, Sir.
- (e): The Bt. Cotton crop in Mandleshwar was given 3 sprays to control sucking pests.No spray was given for bollworm. Only two irrigations were given Yield of 4 quintals kapas per acre was obtained.
- (f): The performance of Bt cotton is monitored by a committee constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forest.