

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4528  
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MONITORING-CUM-EVALUATION COMMITTEE VISIT  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Monitoring-cum-Evaluation Committee visited some parts of Salem and Namakkal districts of Tamil Nadu to monitor the BT cotton;
- (b) if so, the details of the findings of the Committee;
- (c) whether Rasi hybrids exhibited the highest degree of problems in terms of germination failure;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Committee have demanded investigation by GEAC and State Government in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details of the investigation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) Sir, the Monitoring-cum-Evaluation Committee (MEC) constituted by the Department of Biotechnology under the provisions of Rules-1989 of Environment (Protection) Act (EPA) -1986 had never visited any parts of Tamil Nadu to monitor the Bt cotton during Kharif-2005.
- (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) Do not arise, in view of the above.