

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3080  
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BT. COTTON SEED  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Bt Cotton seed has been found suitable for cultivation in the country including Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the acreage under cultivation of this crop in different States, during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the extent to which the cotton yield per acre has increased thereby, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, as the competent statutory authority has recommended Bt. cotton for commercial cultivation in nine major cotton states including Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat. The area under Bt.cotton in the States of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat has increased to 31.50 lakh hac., 12.64 lakh hac. and 13.72 lakh hac. (Anticipated) in 2009 from 16.55 lakh hac, 6.57 lakh hac. and 4.03 lakh hac. in 2006 respectively.

(c) & (d) : The information is at Annexure.