

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is one of the largest producer of cotton including Bt. cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, variety and Statewise;
- (c) whether the cotton growers in various parts of the country, especially Gujarat are plagued with various constraints in producing cotton; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to assist the cotton growers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. India is the 2nd largest producer of cotton in the world, after China. State-wise estimated production of cotton including Bt. cotton during the last three years, i.e., 2006-07 to 2008-09 is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): To address the production constraints faced by cotton growers in the country including in Gujarat, Government is implementing Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton in various cotton growing States. Main components under which assistance is provided under the scheme include production and supply of seeds of varieties/hybrids which are released and notified during the last 15 years, transfer of technologies through frontline demonstrations as well as training of farmers through Farmers Field Schools and Training of Extension Workers, Plant Protection measures, supply of water saving devices like sprinkler and drip irrigation etc.