

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PERMISSION TO BT. COTTON

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of second generation of Bt. Cotton has been approved;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether field trials of this product are successful;
- (d) if so, the details of this trial; and
- (e) the time by when this crop will be released for commercial production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) No Sir. Three new varieties of insect resistant cotton containing

(i) cry1Ac& cry1F (WideStrike = Event 3006-210-23 and Event 281-24-236) developed by M/s Dow AgroSciences India Pvt. Ltd;

(ii) cry1Ac (Event-1) and cry1EC (Event-24) developed by JK Agrigenetics Ltd.; and

(iii) cry1Ac & cry2Ab (MON 15985) and CP4EPSPS (MON 88913) developed by M/s MAHYCO have been approved by the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee for conduct of confined field trials for generation of biosafety data.

(c) to (e) As per the existing rules and guidelines,it is expected that completion of field trials and other biosafety studies would take a minimum of two seasons.Success of the product can be established only after reviewing the data on safety, efficacy and agronomic performance.