

**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 the kharif cotton acreage has shrunk due to non-availability of Bt. Cotton seeds in adequate quantities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the inventories of Bt. Cotton seeds companies in India is declining every year due to price control measures by the State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The cotton acreage has increased in the country. The State-wise details during last three years and current year are in Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): No, Madam. Bt. Cotton acreage has increased in the country due to increased supply of Bt. Cotton seed by companies. The details are at Annexure-II. The Seeds Acts, Seeds Rules and Seeds (Control) order do not provide for regulation of seed prices. Seed prices are kept under check through a competitive market environment by a Vibrant Seed Industry.