

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF BT. COTTON SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to provide a special package for production of Bt. cotton seeds for tribal farmers in the country including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to implement any other project in Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): There is no special package for production of Bt. Cotton seeds for tribal farmers in the country including Jharkhand. Further, Bt. Cotton variety/hybrids have not been released for cultivation in Jharkhand State.

(c) & (d): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing many projects/schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds etc. for development of agriculture and improving production and productivity of crops in various States including Jharkhand.