

**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) the quantum of cotton produced in the country during the last three years and the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether use of Bt./hybrid seeds has increased the production of cotton;
- (c) if so, the per hectare production thereof; and
- (d) the target set by the Government for cotton production for 2010-11 as against the previous year?

Answer

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

(a): The state-wise quantum of cotton produced in the country during 2008-09 to 2010-11 are given as under:-

(Production in lakh bales of 170 kg each)

STATE	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Andhra Pradesh	35.69	32.27	53.00
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Gujarat	70.14	79.86	105.00
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Haryana	18.58	19.26	17.50
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Karnataka	8.66	8.68	12.50
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Madhya Pradesh	8.56	8.55	20.00
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Maharashtra	47.52	58.59	88.00
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Orissa	1.47	1.47	2.50
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Punjab	22.85	20.06	21.00
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Rajasthan	7.26	9.03	9.00
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Tamil Nadu	1.88	2.25	5.00
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Uttar Pradesh 0.01 0.05 0.50

ALLINDIA 222.76 240.22 334.25

4th Advance Estimates

(b) & (c): The cotton production increased substantially by the use of Bt. Hybrid seeds. The productivity of cotton was 191 kg lint per hectare in 2002-03 (year of Bt introduction) and it increased to 510 kg lint per ha in 2010-11 (4th advance estimates).

(d): The target for cotton production for 2010-11 was 260.00 lakh bales of 170kgs each, which was same for the previous year.