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

- (a) whether Andhra Pradesh is producing a major share of Bt. cotton seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such seeds are being supplied to other States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which these Bt. cotton seeds are utilised?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Andhra Pradesh is one of the major Bt. Cotton seed producing states in the country. It produced about 1.06 crore packets of 450 gram each, i.e. 47,700 qtls of Bt. Cotton seeds during 2010.

(c) to (e): The cotton seed producing companies supply Bt. Cotton seeds to other states, based on demand and availability of such varieties which are recommended and approved for cultivation in those states. Companies in normal course maintain a carryover stock of remaining seeds for marketing in the next season subject to seeds meeting the quality standards and procedures as specified under the Seeds Act, 1966 and the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.