

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4336  
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COTTON SEEDS AS ESSENTIAL COMMODITY  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include cotton seed in the list of essential commodities during the current financial year; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) to (b) : Cotton Seed has already been included as an Essential Commodity in the Schedule to the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 with effect from 22.12.2009.