

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:734
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2012
COMMITTEE ON BT. COTTON
Mitra Shri Somendra Nath

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a committee to examine research claims with regard to BN Bt. and Bt. NHH44 varieties of cotton of insect resistance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the report and suggestions given by the committee; and
- (d) the time by which the report of the committee is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A committee of four members was set up to examine research claims made with regard to BN Bt and Bt NHH 44 varieties of cotton for insect resistance. The members of the Committee are:-

1. Dr. S.K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi – Chairperson
2. Dr. B.S. Dhillon, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana – Member
3. Dr. R.V. Sonti, Chief Scientist, Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, Hyderabad – Member
4. Sh. Rajiv Mehrishi, Special Secretary, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi – Member

(c) The report of the Committee headed by Dr. S.K. Sopory has since been received and is under consideration.

(d) The suggestions of the committee will be implemented soon after the report is evaluated and accepted.