

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PEST ATTACK ON COTTON CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are reports of loss of cotton crops due to pests attack in various parts of the country including Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): There is no report of severe incidence of any pest on cotton crop in any state. However, pest population rose from trace to moderate level (0-15%) on cotton in different states of India including Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra during the current year.

(c): Following remedial actions have been taken to avoid loss due to pest attack on cotton crop:-

1. Pest management strategies including cultural, mechanical, and biological control and, as a last resort , chemical control are being popularized under Integrated Pest Management (IPM) among the farming community.
2. Under the Human Resource Development programme of IPM Farmers Field Schools, long and short duration training programmes are being organised to empower farmers and state extension functionaries about IPM.
3. Pest and disease surveillance and monitoring programmes are undertaken to forewarn likely pest and disease build up in different crops.
4. Farmers are being motivated to adopt seed treatment as a preventive measure for pest management in different crops.