

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF BT. COTTON SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand of Bt. Cotton seeds has been growing continuously in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the estimated growth rate of the average annual demand during the said period;
- (c) whether there has been varied claims regarding supply and demand of this seed during the current year;
- (d) if so, whether the demand side has confirmed decline in the availability whereas the supply side has claimed its availability in abundance; and
- (e) if so, the actual position and the amount of increase in its price in the current year?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Area under Bt. Cotton cultivation has been growing continuously in the country during the last three years and the current year. Estimated average annual growth rate of demand for Bt. Cotton seed has varied between 11-20% during 2008-12. The seed producing companies made available sufficient quantity of Bt. Cotton seed through their dealers' network after prior consultation with the respective State Government.

(d) & (e) There was no shortage of Bt. Cotton seed as per information received from the States. However, there was a decline in the demand for Bt. Cotton seeds on account of deficient monsoon. There was no increase in price of Bt. Cotton seeds in 2012.