

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1216
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PRODUCTION OF BT. COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cotton yield has increased in the country since the introduction of bollworm-resistant Bt. Cotton seeds in 2001;
- (b) if so, the details of increase in acreage and production of Bt. Cotton since the year 2002; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Cotton Production and yield has increased in the country since the introduction of Bt. Cotton in 2002-03. Cultivation of Bt. Cotton hybrids has increased from 29400 ha in 2002-03 to 111.39 lakh ha in 2011-12. Similarly, production of cotton has increased from 86.24 lakh bales to 352.00 lakh bales during the same period. The year wise Bt. Cotton area and production of Cotton in India since 2002-03, is given below:-

Year	Bt. Cotton adoption		Production Lakh bales of
	Area (Lakh ha)	% of total area under cotton	
2002-03	0.294	0.36	86.24
2003-04	0.931	1.22	137.29
2004-05	4.985	5.66	164.29
2005-06	10.148	11.16	184.99
2006-07	34.610	37.84	226.32
2007-08	63.340	67.28	258.84
2008-09	68.810	76.39	222.76
2009-10	80.550	79.50	240.22
2010-11	95.500	85.04	330.00
2011-12	111.39	92.00	352.00