

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIALISATION OF GM CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has allowed to commercialise some Genetic-Modified (GM) Crops in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of such crops; and
- (c) the extent to which it would be beneficial to farmers in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a)&(b) Bt cotton is the only genetically modified crop approved for commercial cultivation in nine cotton growing States namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu since April 2002.

(c) During the last decade, area under Bt cotton cultivation has increased substantially resulting in enhanced production and reduction of insecticide use for bollworm control. India is also the second largest exporter of cotton post Bt cotton approval.