

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1848  
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2009  
COTTON SEED REQUIREMENT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government assessed the requirement of cotton seeds in the country including Gujarat during the current plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during the above period
- (c) whether any assessment also made in regard to quantity of BT cotton and non-BT cotton variety of seeds likely to be supplied by public sector and private sector companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, separately for the said period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The requirement and availability of cotton certified/quality seed in the country including Gujarat for the current Plan period is at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): 94.06 lakh was under cotton in 2008-09 (IVth Advance Estimates). Of this 60.77 lakh was under Bt. Cotton. Bt. Cotton seed was supplied by private sector. 17.5% of Non-Bt. Cotton seed against requirement was available in public sector as per information provided by States.