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			without licence. Show cause notices have also been issued to 68 Soybean companies".
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Farmers of 108 villages of Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh had made complaints for yield loss in Bt. cotton hybrid "Surpass 1037" BG II due to attack of Alternaria leaf blight disease and white fly insect. The seeds of this hybrid was produced and marketed by Bayer Bio Science Private Limited.	The State Government deputed a team which included Senior Agricultural Development Officers to visit the affected areas and thereafter the farmers were asked to prepare separate petitions for filing under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. The affected farmers had filed 520 cases in District Consumer Forum, Khargone and 331 cases have been settled by the Forum in favour of the farmers by ordering a relief of Rs. 15,500/- per packet of Bt. cotton seed. Bayer Bio Science Private Limited has gone in appeal against the order in the State Consumer Forum.

Huge gap between purchase and selling price of milk

3884. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:

SHRI N. K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of milkman from neighbouring States like Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh protested recently at New Delhi against the huge gap between the purchase and selling price of milk;

(b) whether Government is aware that big companies engaged in selling of milk, such as Mother Dairy, DMS and Parag etc., are buying milk from small milkmen and cooperatives at a very low price and selling it to consumers at very high prices;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to take concrete steps to keep a check on prices of milk by big companies; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) Press and media have reported about protests by some farmers claiming huge gap between purchase and sale of milk.

Present procurement price (paid to farmers at village level) and consumer price of milk by Mother Dairy, Delhi; Delhi Milk Scheme and Pradeshik Co-operative Dairy Federation (Parag) is given below:

Organization	Procurement	Sale Price
	Price (Rs/Kg)	(Rs/litre)
Mother Dairy, Delhi	28.75	37.00
Delhi Milk Scheme	28.68	37.00
Pradeshik Co-operative Dairy Federation (Parag)	26.00*	37.00

Note:- Procurement & Sale price of milk containing 6% Fat & 9% solid not fat (SNF).

* Procurement price for milk containing 6.5% fat and 9 % SNF

The difference in the procurement and sale price of milk is on account of expenses including transport, other handling and logistics expenses.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Annual growth in production

†3885. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.