

**Decline in productivity of Bt. Cotton**

2041. SHRI ALOK TIWARI:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent data released by the Cotton Advisory Board under Ministry of Textiles, there is a sharp decline in the productivity of Bt. Cotton after 2006 and increase in its cost of production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government is aware that genetically modified seeds have failed in the country and have led to suicide by farmers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The productivity of cotton in the country has increased from 421 kg/hectare in 2006-07 to 488 kg/hectare in 2012-13 (2nd Advance Estimates). During the above period, cost of production of cotton projected by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) has increased from Rs. 2124.54 per quintal to Rs. 2772.16 per quintal.

(d) to (f) No, Sir. As reported by State Governments and mentioned in various studies, reasons of suicide by farmers are manifold which, *inter-alia* include indebtedness, crop failure, drought, socio-economic and personal reasons.

**Implementation of Grameen Bhandaran Yojana in Tamil Nadu**

2042. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns constructed under the Grameen Bhandaran Yojana in Tamil Nadu;

(b) how much is the local credit facility extended to framers in this financial year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to enlighten the farmers about scientific storage facility, credit facilities and effective marketing system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRITARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) 1548 godowns have been sanctioned as on January, 2013 under Grameen Bhandaran Yojana in the State of Tamil Nadu. Credit linked subsidy is provided under the scheme. Rs. 16303.8 lakhs of subsidy have been released in the country under the scheme during current financial year till January, 2013. State-wise details of subsidy released are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The general awareness programmes on Grameen Bhandaran Yojana for farmers and the training programmes for the entrepreneurs are conducted by National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur in collaboration with other institutes which include topics about scientific storage facility, credit facilities and effective marketing system.

**Statement**

*State-wise details of subsidy released*

Sl. No.	State	Subsidy released in (Rs. Lakh) 2012-13 (upto January, 2013)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	607.5439
2	Assam	849.1859
3	Bihar	370.586
4	Chhattisgarh	487.839
5	Gujarat	1781.097
6	Haryana	3258.047
7	Himachal Pradesh	0.6914
8	Jammu and Kashmir	5.91

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1	2		3
9	Jharkhand		1.367
10	Karnataka		1059.681
11	Kerala		11.7411
12	Madhya Pradesh		197.2112
13	Maharashtra		234.081
14	Odisha		212.069
15	Punjab		4810.384
16	Rajasthan		110.2209
17	Tamil Nadu		167.5706
18	Uttar Pradesh		1492.972
19	Uttarakhand		593.641
20	West Bengal		52.0358
	TOTAL		160303.8

#### **Promotion of organic farming**

2043. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds spent by the Ministry to promote organic farming;

(b) the total exchequer Government earns through export of organic products; and

(c) the steps taken to promote organic farming in the country especially in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) The total financial assistance provided by Government through various schemes is Rs. 35179.74 lakh during 2011-12.