

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3925
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH MARCH, 2018

BT. COTTON

3925. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several agencies of the Government have portrayed a rosy picture of Bt. cotton which is far removed from the truth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the responses of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): The BG II Bt. Cotton hybrids are still effective against Pink Bollworm populations of North India and Tamil Nadu. Pink Bollworm has become resistant to BG II in parts of Central and South India, BG II technology is still effective against American Bollworm and Spotted Bollworm, which are also key/major pests of cotton.

The attack of Pink Bollworm can be managed effectively by adopting proper IPM strategies along with other need based interventions vis-a-vis crop management strategies as it is seen in Gujarat state.
