

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1778
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023

DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF COTTON

1778. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that production of cotton in the country is far less than targeted during the last three consecutive years;
- (b) if so, the reasons behind it and the production for the aforesaid period, State-wise; and
- (c) the action plan of Government to sustain productivity and the support extended to cotton farmers during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The production of cotton has been fluctuating over the years. Further, the production of various crops including cotton depends on weather conditions, rainfall situation, irrigation facilities, inter-crop profitability, soil conditions and expectation of better remuneration from other competing crops etc. The details of targeted and actual cotton production during last three consecutive years is given as under:

Lakh bales of 170 kgs. each		
Year	Target Production	Actual Production
2020-21	360.00	352.48
2021-22	370.00	311.18
2022-23*	370.00	343.47

* - Third Advance Estimates

The State-wise production of cotton during the last three consecutive years is given at **Annexure.**

(c) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing cotton development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing States viz., Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal from 2014-15 with the aim to increase production and productivity. The assistance is being provided to the

farmers on various types of demonstrations, trials on high density planting system, distribution of plant protection chemicals & bioagents, National & State level trainings. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 48.95 crores as central share has been allocated during the last three years. Besides, States can support cotton development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) with the approval of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) chaired by Chief Secretary of the State.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q No. 1778 due for
reply on 04.08.2023

State-wise production of cotton from 2021-22 to 2022-23

(Lakh bales of 170 kgs. Each)

State	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Andhra Pradesh	16.01	17.08	15.79
Gujarat	72.12	75.09	94.97
Haryana	18.23	13.16	10.01
Karnataka	23.20	19.55	25.41
Madhya Pradesh	13.39	14.20	17.22
Maharashtra	101.05	82.49	84.09
Odisha	5.51	6.26	6.65
Punjab	10.23	6.46	4.60
Rajasthan	32.08	24.81	27.74
Tamil Nadu	2.43	3.02	3.56
Telangana	57.98	48.78	53.13
Others	0.27	0.28	0.31
All India	352.48	311.18	343.47

Data for the year 2022-23 is of Third Advance Estimates

Others include Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal
