

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3037
ANSWERED ON- 20/12/2024

COTTON PROCUREMENT CENTRES

3037. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has any proposal to open more cotton procurement centres for procurement under Minimum Support Price system without any quantitative restriction of available cotton and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of such procurement centres opened so far in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the quantity of cotton procured so far in Maharashtra and the extent to which the farmers have been benefited from it; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the CCI to open more cotton procurement centre in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has established 499 procurement centres across 149 districts in 12 cotton-growing States for procurement of cotton from farmers at MSP rates without any quantitative restriction, operating under its 17 branches in the current cotton season 2024-25 against 446 procurement centers opened in the last cotton season 2023-24. State-wise details of procurement centres opened during the Cotton Season 2024-25 are at Annexure.

(c): As on 16.12.2024, CCI has procured about 32.66 lakh quintals kapas (equivalent to 6.28 lakh bales) in Maharashtra, benefitting about 1.04 lakh farmers.

(d): CCI has opened 124 procurement centres in 18 districts under its' two Branch Offices viz., Aurangabad & Akola in the current cotton season 2024-25 against 110 procurement centers opened in the last cotton season 2023-24 to protect the interests of cotton farmers in Maharashtra. These centres cover almost all cotton-growing areas of the State. In all procurement centers, procurement under MSP is going on smoothly.

Further, additional procurement centers are considered based on request received from the State Government and assessment of availability of minimum infrastructure facilities such as a market yard, processing units etc.

State-wise details of procurement centres opened during the Cotton Season 2024-25:

S. No.	State	No. of Centres Opened
1	Punjab	18
2	Haryana	21
3	Rajasthan	37
4	Maharashtra	124
5	Madhya Pradesh	23
6	Gujarat	72
7	Andhra Pradesh	33
8	Telangana	110
9	Karnataka	26
10	Orissa	13
11	Tamil Nadu	21
12	West Bengal	1
TOTAL		499
