

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2251
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/08/2026

DECLINE IN AREA UNDER COTTON CULTIVATION

2251. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area under cotton cultivation, productivity and average yield during the last five years upto 2025-26, State-wise, particularly in major cotton-producing States;
- (b) the average cost of cultivation, average market price realised by farmers, Minimum Support Price (MSP), procurement and estimated returns from cotton cultivation, State-wise, year-wise;
- (c) the decline in cotton acreage in certain States and increasing incidence of pest attacks, particularly pink bollworm and whitefly; and
- (d) the details of financial assistance, crop insurance claims and other support provided to farmers affected by pest attacks and crop losses during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The details of total area under cotton cultivation, productivity and average yield during the last five years upto 2025-26 (3rd Advance Estimates), State-wise, particularly in major cotton-producing States is at **Annexure I**.

(b): Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 mandated agricultural crops, including cotton, for the country as a whole, based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), at a level of at least 1.5 times the cost of production, thereby ensuring a minimum margin of 50 per cent over the weighted average cost of production to provide reasonably fair remuneration to farmers. The details of average weighted cost of production and minimum support prices for cotton during the last 5 years are given as under:

(Rs. per Quintal)

	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
Cotton	Average weighted cost of production	MSP	Average weighted cost of production	MSP	Average weighted cost of production	MSP	Average weighted cost of production	MSP	Average weighted cost of production	MSP
Medium Staple	3817	5726	4053	6080	4411	6620	4747	7121	5140	7710
Long Staple*		6025		6380		7020		7521		8110

*- Cost data is not compiled separately for cotton (Long Staple)

Source: DA&FW

The details of average market price realised by farmers and procurement quantity and value, State-wise, year-wise are at **Annexure II**.

(c): During 2021 to 2025, Pink Bollworm (PBW) infestation levels was high in all the zones and states. However, the infestation levels fluctuated significantly. Data recorded from farmers' fields revealed year-to-year variations with major outbreaks observed particularly during 2015 and 2022.

(d): Under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), individual risk/ peril-wise data is not maintained. The state-wise information regarding the Government of India (GoI) share in premium subsidy provided and crop insurance claims paid to the farmers cultivating cotton, by Insurance companies is provided in the **Annexure III**.

In addition, PM – RKVY, is a centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at promoting holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors. Under the Detailed Project Report (DPR) component, States have been provided flexibility and autonomy for selection, planning approval and execution of projects/ programs as per their needs, priorities and agro-climatic requirements. The projects are approved by the Project Approval Committee (PAC) based on the recommendation of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC). Among the projects approved during 2024-25, one of the projects approved for Haryana is related to dissemination of pink bollworm strategies among farmers, ginning and oil extraction units owners for sustainable cotton production.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q No. 2251 due for reply on 07.08.2026

State-wise area and productivity of Cotton

State	Area (Thousand Hectares)					Productivity/Yield (Kg./Ha.)				
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Andhra Pradesh	554.00	704.00	422.00	404.00	554.00	524	372	297	476	495
Chhattisgarh	3.89	5.00	6.89	6.38	4.21	329	321	313	302	362
Gujarat	2283.70	2483.73	2683.32	2371.65	2095.79	559	602	574	513	551
Haryana	635.60	574.61	577.68	398.46	401.05	352	296	444	502	373
Karnataka	674.00	949.00	743.00	678.00	877.00	493	460	471	570	411
Madhya Pradesh	560.00	595.00	630.00	537.00	559.00	431	410	486	486	354
Maharashtra	4409.97	4182.44	4234.47	4122.98	3854.73	318	338	323	304	342
Odisha	193.11	216.31	216.31	238.62	239.42	551	554	554	586	620
Punjab	251.30	248.90	213.80	160.40	141.80	437	303	500	439	402
Rajasthan	755.86	814.61	1003.79	627.39	643.70	558	579	444	484	450
Tamil Nadu	147.91	173.27	129.73	102.36	79.86	347	313	330	350	388
Telangana	1889.00	1972.90	1818.00	1812.31	2052.50	439	495	475	543	460
Uttar Pradesh	4.00	3.00	4.00	20.00	18.00	366	382	387	336	344
Others	9.18	4.03	4.65	4.07	4.42	222	177	189	205	196
All India	12371.52	12926.80	12687.64	11483.62	11525.48	428	443	436	440	428

Data for the year 2025-26 is of 3rd Advance Estimates

(Source: DA&FW)

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q No. 2251 due for reply on 07.08.2026

Average Market Price realised by Farmers

State/UTs	Year wise average modal price of Cotton (Rs/Qtl)				
	2021-22 (1st April to 31st Mar)	2022-23 (1st April to 31st Mar)	2023-24 (1st April to 31st Mar)	2024-25 (1st April to 31st Mar)	2025-26 (1st April to 31st Mar)
Andhra Pradesh	8,850	8,663	7,186	7,270	7,385
Gujarat	8,193	8,829	7,038	7,161	7,249
Haryana	8,811	8,568	6,775	7,209	7,113
Karnataka	8,773	8,586	7,142	7,200	7,521
Madhya Pradesh	8,531	7,687	6,967	7,092	7,129
Maharashtra	8,753	8,203	7,076	7,142	7,590
Odisha	8,121	7,593	6,922	7,396	7,403
Puducherry	5,776	6,800	5,484	6,513	
Punjab	7,780	8,254	6,582	7,252	7,461
Rajasthan	8,661	8,536	6,660	7,367	7,110
Tamil Nadu	7,373	9,510	6,514	7,119	
Telangana	8,267	7,893	6,940	7,036	7,569
Uttar Pradesh	6,503	9,511	6,170	7,495	8,625

Source: DA&FW

Procurement of Cotton

State	Quantity in Lakh Bales, Value - Rs. in Crores					
	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Andhra Pradesh	1.30	476	3.83	1478	3.90	1557
Gujarat	0.91	316	14.12	5148	20.03	7863
Haryana	0.43	143	0.62	220	2.04	777
Karnataka	0.62	215	5.22	1892	7.01	2725
Madhya Pradesh	1.27	437	3.99	1441	5.59	2175
Maharashtra	2.44	838	29.41	10714	28.12	10883
Odisha	0.95	344	2.06	797	2.70	1080
Punjab	0.38	128	0.02	6	0.47	180
Rajasthan	0.52	170	0.50	182	3.46	1314
Telangana	24.00	8642	40.38	15557	31.76	12974
West Bengal	0.002	1	0.002	1	0.002	1
All India	32.84	11712	100.16	37437	105.09	41530

Note: In Cotton season 2021-22 and 2022-23, cotton prices were ruling above MSP. Hence, no MSP support required by farmers.

Source: Cotton Corporation of India

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q No. 2251 due for reply on 07.08.2026

PMFBY & RWBCIS: All India Year wise GoI Share in Premium and Paid Claims for Cotton from 2021-22 to 2025-26 as on 24.07.2026

(Rs. In Crore)

State/UTs	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
	GoI Share	Paid Claims	GoI Share	Paid Claims	GoI Share	Paid Claims	GoI Share	Paid Claims	GoI Share	Paid Claims
ANDHRA PRADESH	-	-	95.80	189.18	74.36	32.92	38.24	87.94	8.56	-
HARYANA	205.93	1,249.63	250.30	1,857.00	185.43	215.06	307.02	313.52	287.99	882.17
KARNATAKA	19.03	27.24	27.15	69.34	19.92	35.56	6.82	43.66	3.96	38.19
MADHYA PRADESH	21.32	14.23	20.98	14.85	3.47	4.70	2.88	5.61	-	-
MAHARASHTRA	172.79	440.85	125.95	458.60	486.96	1,958.97	427.52	854.72	-	-
ODISHA	0.03	0.18	0.01	0.07	0.23	0.14	0.22	0.04	-	0.02
PUDUCHERRY	0.29	-	0.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RAJASTHAN	28.33	49.44	25.93	22.35	12.52	84.99	11.79	37.56	11.72	19.13
TAMIL NADU	5.66	12.66	12.60	22.47	4.30	33.74	4.74	13.66	2.94	0.00
Total	453.36	1,794.23	559.13	2,633.85	787.19	2,366.09	799.23	1,356.71	315.17	939.52

Note: Source- NCIP

Karnataka data is as per Samrakshane Portal
