

INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1119. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), a global institution of cotton has estimated in its report ten percent more production of cotton in the year 2017 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this estimation was correct particularly about cotton production in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to promote more cultivation of cotton in the country including Vidarbha region?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) has estimated 12% increase in world cotton production i.e. 1513 lakh bales in the year 2017-18 as compared to 1352 lakh bales during previous year. As per ICAC report dated 1.12.2017, cotton production in country (for 2017-18) has been projected at 366 lakh bales. However, as per Government of India Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) estimation, cotton production for this year will be 377 Lakh bales.

(c): Government of India is taking various steps to promote more cultivation of cotton in the country including Vidarbha region as under:-

- i). With a view to promote Cotton farming, during cotton season 2017-18, Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer Welfare has fixed minimum support price for medium staple length cotton at Rs. 4020/- per quintal and for long staple at Rs. 4320/- per quintal.
- ii). Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) Limited has been entrusted with procurement of cotton from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) to protect the interest of farmers by giving MSP to their produce to avoid distress sale.
- iii). Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing Cotton Development Programme with a focus on cropping system approach under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states including Maharashtra from 2014-15 with an aim for enhancing production and productivity. Under the scheme, thrust is given for transfer of latest technology to cotton growers through Front Line Demonstration (FLD) on Integrated Crop Management (ICM), Intercropping & Desi/Extra Long Staple Cotton and trails on High Density Planting System. The scheme is being implemented through State Department of Agriculture (SDA), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) etc., From 2015-16, NFSM is being implemented on sharing basis between Government of India and States on 60:40 basis for general category states & 90:10 basis for North East & Hilly states. However, the Central Agencies are funded 100% by Government of India. Besides, States can support cotton development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State.