

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1002  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018

PURCHASE OF COTTON BY CCI

1002. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of Textiles वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is not purchasing 2nd grade quality of cotton which is formed mostly due to climatic conditions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is purchasing 2nd grade paddy and other commodities even though they are turned into discolored form due to bad climatic conditions;
- (d) if so, the reasons for not purchasing Grade 'B' cotton by CCI; and
- (e) whether the Ministry is planning to purchase 2nd grade quality of cotton as well and if so, the details thereof keeping in view the practice followed by the Ministry of Agriculture in purchasing 2nd grade paddy and other commodities?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

**(a), (b) & (d):** Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) Limited is buying seed cotton (kapas) which contains 8% moisture content at full Minimum Support Price (MSP) rate. Kapas above 8% and upto 12% moisture content is also being purchased by CCI with proportionate deduction, as per Government of India guidelines for MSP operation of kapas.

**(c):** Government of India purchases food grains offered by farmers, within the stipulated period and confirming to the prescribed specifications at Minimum Support Price (MSP) through State Government agencies including Food Corporation of India (FCI). However, sometimes due to natural calamity and other climatic conditions, relaxations in some refractions are allowed on case to case basis to safeguard the interest of farmers.

**(e):** No, Madam.

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