

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3308
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/01/2019

COTTON RESEARCH

3308. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Institute for Cotton Research in Nagpur and All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project in Coimbatore of ICAR are providing only financial and technical support and conducting basic strategic applied research through Navsari Agriculture University and Junagarh Agriculture University;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these two institutes cannot serve as a “Centre of excellence for cotton”;

(c) whether Gujarat, which is producing 30 per cent of the total production of cotton in India and generating rural employment is the right place for this purpose, if so, whether a proposal forwarded to Union Government in 2001 for establishment of ‘Centre of Excellence for Cotton’ in Gujarat is still pending for the Government’s approval;

(d) if so, the action taken in this connection so far; and

(e) the time by which and the place where this centre is going to be established in Gujarat?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research in Nagpur and All India Coordinated Cotton Research Project in Coimbatore of ICAR are providing financial and technical support to Navsari Agriculture University and Junagadh Agriculture University for conducting basic, strategic & applied research on cotton.

(b) ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and AICRP on Cotton Coimbatore are doing excellent research work for sustainable cotton cultivation in the country.

(c) Gujarat is a leading state in cotton production in the country and requires a Regional Research Centre on Cotton.

(d) & (e): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has decided to establish 'Regional Research Centre on Cotton' in Gujarat for strengthening the cotton cultivation in the State. Accordingly the request for providing the suitable land has been sent to the Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat. However ICAR-CICR, Nagpur has already started experimentation on cotton at Junagadh.
