

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4386
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH JANUARY, 2019

PRODUCTION OF COTTON

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

- (a) the rank of India among the cotton producer countries in the world;
- (b) the quantum of cotton production in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to prepare any scheme to promote cotton production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): India is the largest producer of cotton in the world. State-wise details of production of cotton in the country during each of the last three years i.e. 2015-16 to 2017-18 is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Cotton Development Programme under National Food Security Mission – Commercial Crops (NFSM-CC) for enhancing productivity and production w.e.f. 2014-15 in 15 States viz., Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Under this scheme thrust has been given on transfer of technology through frontline demonstration and training in order to extend benefits to the farmers. NFSM is implemented on a 60:40 sharing basis between Government of India and States for general category states and 90:10 basis for North East and hilly states.

Besides NFSM, the States can support cotton development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) chaired by the Chief Secretary of the State.

Further to provide remunerative prices to cotton cultivators in the country, Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Cotton for 2018-19 season at Rs.5150/- per quintal for medium staple and at Rs. 5450/- per quintal for long staple. This provides margin of 50 percent over all India paid out cost including family labour.

Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply for parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred
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State-wise estimates of production of cotton during 2015-16 to 2018-19

State	Production ('000 Bales of 170 kgs each)			
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18*	2018-19**
Andhra Pradesh	1888.0	1564.0	2038.0	1754.0
Gujarat	9400.0	8575.0	12637.0	8828.0
Haryana	993.0	2041.0	1626.0	2638.0
Karnataka	2000.0	1010.0	1224.0	1522.0
Madhya Pradesh	1800.0	2050.7	1869.0	2000.0
Maharashtra	7500.0	10618.8	6546.0	7831.0
Odisha	300.0	382.0	408.0	446.0
Punjab	750.0	1031.0	1283.0	1169.0
Rajasthan	1214.0	1401.9	1893.0	1734.0
Tamilnadu	369.0	359.0	488.0	433.0
Telengana	3661.0	3444.0	4754.0	4010.0
Others	130.0	100.0	122.0	118.0
All-India	30005.0	32577.4	34888.0	32483.0

* As per 4th Advance Estimates. ** As per 1st Advance Estimates.
