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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3331
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2023

COTTON PRODUCTION

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to bring enhancement of productivity of the Cotton Crop in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the incentives and facilities being provided to Cotton growing farmers under this program?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing cotton development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states viz., Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal from 2014-15 with the aim to increase production and productivity. The assistance is being provided to the farmers on various types of demonstrations, trials on high density planting system, distribution of plant protection chemicals & bioagents, national & state level trainings. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 15.11 crores as central share has been allocated to states during 2022-23. Besides, states can support cotton development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR). Further, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur is undertaking intensive research & development works for developing improved varieties of cotton as well as site specific agro-technologies to enhance the productivity of cotton in the country.
