

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3156**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**PRODUCTION OF EXTRA LONG STAPLE COTTON**

3156. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the production of Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, particularly Suvin, to meet the domestic demand from textile industry in Haryana including the Parliamentary Constituency of Sirsa and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified/developed any cotton variety that is suitable to cultivate ELS cotton production in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any public-private-partnership projects have been undertaken by the Government to boost ELS cotton production in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of such projects in the country including for the State of Haryana?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton is mainly cultivated in the central & southern regions of India. The ELS cotton including Suvin is not recommended for cultivation in the state of Haryana by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) due to unsuitable agro-climatic conditions, its long duration and it being susceptible to Cotton Leaf Curl Virus disease.

(b): The ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) has recently developed three ELS cotton varieties viz., CICR B Cotton 37(CCB 51), CICR-B Cotton 45 (CCB143B) and CICR-B Cotton 55 (CCB 51-2) since 2021 to increase the production of ELS cotton in the country.

(c) & (d): A special project on cotton entitled 'Targeting technologies to agro-ecological zones- large scale demonstrations of best practices to enhance cotton productivity' is being implemented in public-private-partnership (PPP) mode including ELS cotton as one of the components under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) during 2023-24.

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