

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

PURCHASE OF COTTON BY CCI

2839. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:
SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

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

- (a) the details of the quantity of cotton purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) at MSP during the last ten years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been an overall decline in cotton purchases by the CCI during the last ten years, especially in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof including the production of cotton and the area under cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh during these years;
- (c) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) regularly enter the market in all seasons to purchase the cotton in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons for not purchasing cotton from the farmers, resulting in middlemen thriving and hiking the yarn price;
- (e) whether the Government has mechanisms to monitor adherence to procurement norms by the field staff; and
- (f) if so, the details of any cases of irregularities in procurement in Andhra Pradesh in the last five years?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): The details of quantity of cotton purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the last ten years; State-wise including Andhra Pradesh is at **Annexure-I**. The cotton purchased by CCI depends on the variation in the market price and the MSP. The intervention of CCI is hardly required in case of higher market price as farmers get better prices than the MSP. The details of the production of cotton and the area under cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh during the last ten years is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

(c) & (d): CCI, a Nodal Agency for undertaking MSP operations of cotton has established a comprehensive infrastructure comprising 17 Branches and 444 Procurement Centres in 145 Districts to safeguard cotton farmers from any eventuality of distress sale. CCI officials remain present at procurement Centres during the cotton season to keep close watch on kapas arrivals, market rates and to meet any eventuality to undertake MSP procurement of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade kapas offered by farmers with no quantitative restriction.

(e) & (f): Before procurement of cotton at MSP, the farmers are identified by the respective Agricultural Produce Market Committee (AMPC) followed by Aadhar based registration of farmers by State Government or CCI as the case may be, to ensure that the benefit of MSP scheme goes to real cotton farmers. Complete payment to farmers is made into the bank account of the farmer linked with Aadhar through e-mode. CCI ensures quality based price to cotton farmers by equipping each centre with scientific instruments for assessment of quality of cotton. MSP guidelines issued by Textile Commissioner Office are strictly followed. Ginning and Pressing factories where processing of kapas is done are engaged through tender system where minimum processing results such as lint%, shortage%, trash etc are stipulated. Appropriate deductions are made from the bills of Ginners in case of any deviation. After processing, all cotton bales are stored in the godowns hired from Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) or State Warehousing Corporations (SWC). No irregularities in procurement of cotton have been reported in State of Andhra Pradesh in last five years.

State-wise MSP Procurement of Cotton during last ten years including Andhra Pradesh

(Quantity in bales)

State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2023-24*
Punjab	1,27,722					3,55,955	5,35,728		25,229
Haryana	79,903					6,22,861	10,57,172		19,246
Rajasthan	87,870					3,75,690	9,11,176		9,272
Gujarat	6,66,457	51,501		95,105	7,983	11,05,227	4,15,363		60
Maharashtra	17,63,192	1,16,799		14,647	1,95,751	26,25,284	17,51,462		7,777
MP	2,81,875	29,104		7,797	50,923	4,42,567	4,43,975		29,083
Telangana	36,90,948	5,95,159		2,63,491	7,77,026	41,80,317	34,01,456		4,85,280
Andhra Pradesh	17,55,559	39,967		6,497	4,718	2,68,288	3,41,692		63,513
Karnataka	1,39,280			297	8,117	3,49,467	1,25,986		16,919
West Bengal	266	368	465	352	186	43	68	129	217
Orissa	1,02,987	11,633		1,991	25,454	1,60,658	2,05,300		6,149
Tamil Nadu					253	28,271			
Total	86,96,059	8,44,531	465	3,90,177	10,70,411	1,05,14,628	91,89,378	129	6,62,745

*Position upto 14.12.2023

Note: There were no MSP operations during cotton season 2022-23 as market price of cotton was higher than MSP.

Annexure- II

Details of the Production of Cotton and the Area under Cotton Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh during the last ten years:

Crop year	Area (in lakh hectares)	Production (in lakh bales)
2014-15	8.21	26.50
2015-16	6.66	23.75
2016-17	4.72	19.00
2017-18	6.46	21.26
2018-19	6.20	15.00
2019-20	6.57	18.00
2020-21	6.06	16.00
2021-22	5.54	17.08
2022-23(P)	7.04	15.41
2023-24(P)	5.69	12.85

*Source: Meeting on Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption (COCPC) on 06.11.2023

P-Provisional
