

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1059  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2019

SETTING UP OF COTTON SPINNING FACTORIES

1059. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that cotton farming is one of the main cash crops in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has allocated funds to set up cotton spinning factories to generate livelihood as well as provide a boost to the growth of small and medium scale enterprises in the region; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति ज़ुबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes, Sir. Cotton farming is one of the main cash crops of the country including Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

(b) & (c): Government does not allocate any funds to set-up any textile industry including spinning factory in any part of the country. However, government has extended financial assistance for upgradation of technology to spinning factories under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme. Further, to safeguard the interest of cotton farmers and to give them remunerative price of their produce, Government nominated Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), as nodal agency to undertake Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of seed cotton (kapas) in all cotton growing States, in the event when prices touches the MSP level. During the crop year 2018-19, CCI procured 1.96 lakh bales of seed cotton (kapas) under MSP in Maharashtra state including Vidarbha region.

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