

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3072
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6.12.2019

COTTON PRODUCTION

3072. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that Guntur in Andhra Pradesh (AP) is the major district where cotton is grown;
- (b) whether it is true that production has gone up from 7 lakh bales in 2012-13 to 10.75 lakh bales in 2014-15 and the productivity from 3.89 bales/hectare in 2013-14 to 5.21 bales/hectare in 2014-15;
- (c) if so, the details of the production and productivity in 2015-16 to 2018-19, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Ministry has tried to ascertain the reasons for sudden increase in yield and if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) the efforts being made to maintain the momentum to permit other companies to produce Bt. Cotton seeds; and
- (f) the status of organic cotton production in the country, particularly in Guntur in AP?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes, Guntur is one of the major cotton growing district in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b): Location-wise production and productivity data is not available. However, the state-wise production during cotton year 2012-13 to 2014-15 and productivity during cotton year 2013-14 & 2014-15 of seed cotton (kapas) finalized by the Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) in the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:-

State	Production (Quantity in lakh bales)			Productivity (Yield) (Kg/Hectare)	
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15
Andhra Pradesh	84.00	78.00	77.00*	555.04	501.17

* Including Telangana.

(c) & (d): Statement showing year-wise production and productivity of cotton in the state of Andhra Pradesh during cotton year 2015-16 to 2018-19 is given below:-

Crop Year	Cotton Production (Qty in lakh bales)	Productivity (Kg/Hectare)
2015-16	23.75	606.23
2016-17	19.00	684.32
2017-18	21.26	559.47
2018-19 (P)	14.50	396.94

P-Provisional

(e): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare provides the financial assistance to the States and seed producing agencies for production and distribution of seeds through various ongoing crop development programmes/schemes viz. National Food Security Mission, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials under National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology etc.

(f): Organic textiles are the low volume of production and the demand for organic cotton-based products is negligible within the country, mostly because of its high price.
