

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 78
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022

PRICE MANIPULATION BY COTTON CORPORATION OF INDIA

78. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to address concerns regarding the role of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) in manipulating cotton prices in favour of MNCs, if so, the details of Kapas procurement done by CCI from the State of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2021- 22;
- (b) whether purchase centres were set up by CCI in the State of Andhra Pradesh for procurement operations of cotton for the year 2021-22; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to regulate soaring prices of cotton in the year 2021-22; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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ANSWER

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

(a): Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) sells pressed cotton bales only through a robust independent e-auction portal managed by a Public Sector Undertaking. The present e-auction system for sale of cotton by CCI is fool-proof, transparent and buyers' friendly and there is no scope of manipulating cotton prices in favour of any buyer segment including MNCs. CCI undertakes cotton procurement, if market price falls below Minimum Support Price (MSP). Since, right from the beginning of cotton season 2021-22, the ruling price of raw cotton is above MSP, there has been no requirement for CCI to undertake MSP operation.

(b): During current cotton season 2021-22 (1.10.2021 to 30.09.2022), CCI has setup 33 procurement centres in 10 districts under its branch office at Guntur in the state of Andhra Pradesh. List of district-wise procurement centres is at annexure-I.

(c): Ministry is constantly engaged with various stakeholders across the entire cotton value chain in respect of the prices of cotton and cotton yarn to harmonize their interest. Prices are affected by market forces of demand and supply. In addition, cotton being an internationally traded commodity, its price is also affected by the price in the international market.

Annexure-I

List of procurement centres under CCI Branch office Guntur in the state of Andhra Pradesh

Sr.No.	Name of District	Name of centre
1	Guntur	Tadikonda
2		Guntur
3		Guntur-A
4		Narasaraopet
5		Chilakaluripet
6		Pedanandipadu
7		Krosur
8		Mancherla
9		Sattenapalli
10		Nadikudi
11		Piduguralla
12		Phirangipuram
13	Kurnool	Adoni
14		Nandyal
15		Yemmiganur
16		Penchikalpadu
17	Prakasam	Parchur
18		Inkollu
19		Markapuram
20	Krishna	Nandigama
21		Jaggiahpet
22		Kanchikacharla
23		Mylavaram
24		Gampalagudem
25		A.Kondur
26	East Godavari	Pittapuram
27		Kirlampudi
28	West Godavari	Jangareddygudem
29	Srikakulam	Rajam
30	Vijayanagaram	Sulur
31	Ananthapur	Gooty
32		Tadipatri
33	Kadappa	Proddutur
