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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 240
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2025

COTTON PRODUCTION

240. **SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:**
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI NARAYAN TATU RANE:
SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state;

- (a) the leading state in production of cotton in the country and its total production by various states during the last three years, State-wise including various districts of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether it is true that in 2023 Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) had eleven lakh cotton balls, if so, the current status of the same and the reasons for not exporting the same;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken for exporting the cotton after it's consumption in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has imported cotton from various countries during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor particularly from Australia and Brazil;
- (e) whether cotton is being imported by local traders to control the price of cotton and the price of cotton to farmers;
- (f) whether any incentive scheme has been devised for the cotton growing farmers of the country, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to provide fair price of cotton to them; and
- (g) whether there is any special provision to compensate the cotton the cotton growing farmers of Amravati and Yavatmal districts against difference in the rate of cotton, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The details of State-wise production of Cotton in the country and the district-wise production of Cotton in the State of Maharashtra during last three years are given at Annexure - I & II. Further, during 2023-24, 32.84 lakh bales of cotton were procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under MSP operations. Out of this 32.84 lakh bales, 31.80 lakh bales have been sold up till 27th January 2025. Due to better price realisation in domestic sales and no price parity in exports, there was no offtake in export market. Currently, there are no restrictions on exports of Cotton from India, and the Government of India, does not import Cotton. However, local traders import cotton independently, and there is no mandate from Government of India to do so and control the prices.

(f) & (g): Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton provides a safety net for farmers as they are assured of getting at least Minimum Support Price for their produce. MSP is recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) every year based on the formula of 1.5 times of cost of production (A2+FL) so as to ensure reasonably fair remuneration i.e. at least 50% over cost of production to farmers. The details of minimum support price for cotton during last three years is given as under:

Cotton	Rs. per quintal		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Medium Staple	5726	6080	6620
Long Staple	6025	6380	7020

The above figures also provide information that this MSP has been steadily increasing over the years.

Further, to provide the benefits of MSP scheme and ensure reasonable prices to the cotton farmers, CCI has opened 507 procurement centres in 152 districts of 12 cotton growing States including 9 procurement centres in Amravati District and 15 procurement centres in Yavatmal District in the state of Maharashtra.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q No. 240 due for reply on 04.02.2025

State-wise Production of Cotton from 2021-22 to 2023-24

States	Production in Thousand bales (170 kgs. Each)		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Gujarat	7509.34	8795.33	9056.99
Maharashtra	8249.24	8315.67	8045.49
Telangana	4878.06	5744.62	5079.71
Rajasthan	2480.99	2774.47	2621.66
Karnataka	1954.60	2567.88	2058.55
Madhya Pradesh	1419.76	1433.25	1801.06
Haryana	1316.06	1000.50	1508.76
Andhra Pradesh	1707.62	1540.52	737.26
Odisha	625.91	704.92	704.92
Punjab	645.99	443.63	628.82
Tamil Nadu	301.91	319.02	251.83
Others	28.11	20.38	26.97
All India	31117.59	33660.19	32522.02

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District-wise Production of Cotton in the State of Maharashtra

District	Production in Thousand Bales (170 kgs. Each)		
	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023-24
Ahmednagar	277.40	255.06	139.09
Akola	305.60	362.49	330.05
Amravati	618.90	387.48	857.24
Aurangabad	498.70	452.63	399.82
Beed	438.90	475.71	471.99
Bhandara	1.20	1.18	1.30
Buldhana	547.30	542.52	469.93
Chandrapur	351.20	442.49	376.54
Dhule	295.90	545.99	342.89
Gadchiroli	17.10	16.61	35.05
Hingoli	78.70	78.22	61.62
Jalgaon	731.20	1,294.92	596.33
Jalna	610.80	687.79	531.51
Latur	12.60	27.22	19.62
Nagpur	451.80	586.81	656.18
Nanded	307.30	333.03	428.79
Nandurbar	172.60	212.36	150.49
Nashik	125.30	112.44	27.21
Osmanabad	17.90	3.03	1.11
Parbhani	396.40	533.16	373.61
Pune	0.15	1.02	1.47
Satara	0.24	1.09	0.21
Solapur	0.40	0.67	0.47
Wardha	752.10	625.62	728.19
Washim	60.40	41.33	74.07
Yavatmal	720.80	569.84	970.69
