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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1515
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH JULY 2025

IMPORT AND PURCHASE OF COTTON

1515. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of import of cotton into the country, year/country-wise for the last five years, along with the rate of purchase year and country-wise;
- (b) whether cotton is being imported by local traders to control the price of cotton;
- (c) the details of purchase of cotton by Government of India from local farmers, along with rate of purchase for last five years, year/State-wise and district-wise for Maharashtra;
- (d) the details of unsold bales in stock of CCI;
- (e) whether CCI purchases cotton from farmers in Maharashtra at a Minimum Support Price (MSP) and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government intends to increase the MSP of cotton crops within next one year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (g) whether the Government plans to impose a sanction on import of cotton in light of the drop in cotton prices and losses faced by domestic farmers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): As per ministry of Textiles, the data regarding import of cotton, year and country-wise along with the value for the last five years is at **Annexure-I**.

(b): Local traders import cotton independently and there is no mandate from Government of India to import cotton to do so and control the prices.

(c): The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), under the Ministry of Textiles, is the nodal agency for procurement of cotton under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations.

The Year-wise/State-wise procurement of cotton under MSP operations during the last five years is at **Annexure-II**. Further, a statement indicating district-wise procurement of cotton under MSP operations in the state of Maharashtra during the last five years is at **Annexure-III**.

(d): Out of the total procurement of 100.16 lakh bales under MSP operations during cotton season 2024-25, 70.51 lakh bales have been sold through e-Auction up to 23.07.2025, and unsold stock is 29.65 lakh bales.

(e): In the event, market prices of seed cotton (kapas) fall below the MSP prices, CCI purchases cotton under MSP operations. During cotton season 2024-25, CCI has procured 144.55 lakh quintals kapas (equivalent to 29.41 lakh lint cotton bales) valuing about Rs. 10,714 crore have under MSP operations in Maharashtra through 6.27 lakh transactions from farmers.

(f): Every year, MSP of cotton is fixed by the Government of India based on the formula of 1.5 times of cost of production to ensure reasonably fair remuneration i.e. at least 50% over cost of production to farmers.

For the ensuing Cotton Season 2025-26 (commencing from 1st October, 2025), Government of India has increased the MSP of cotton by upto 8.27 % i.e. MSP for Medium Staple has been increased to Rs. 7,710/Qntl. and for Long Staple to Rs. 8,110/Qntl, as compared to Rs. 7,121/Qntl and Rs. 7,521/Qntl respectively during cotton season 2024-25.

(g): At present, there is no proposal to impose any restriction or sanction on the import of cotton.

Annexure-I

In reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1515 to be answered on 29.07.2025.

Year-wise/Country-wise Import of cotton in the country along with value during the last 5 years

(Quantity in bales/Value in Rs. Crores)

SR. NO.	COUNTRY	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25*	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	BRAZIL	130031	254	52228	109	110065	506	75722	227	67805	152	654819	1620
2	USA	577317	1474	430718	1501	773164	4069	457027	2174	268728	1361	525523	1802
3	AUSTRALIA	52475	119	114847	300	394518	1746	445672	1709	358726	1131	513980	1450
4	MALI	48834	100	3221	8	27660	103	5725	20	57180	156	179879	478
5	EGYPT	139533	424	342818	1161	106337	719	218141	853	207729	1028	83681	412
6	COTE D'IVOIRE	101587	209	7584	17	84255	378	16326	72	61751	176	75906	199
7	ISRAEL	5872	18	26425	80	13972	90	8760	61	10115	62	23049	115
8	TANZANIA	36430	69	2894	9	50844	192	37855	115	107121	288	35074	100
9	BURKINA FASO	3385	7	-	-	10951	52	6761	24	17434	52	20044	54
10	GREECE	19906	42	27705	67	27316	111	16888	61	11214	40	8029	28
11	BENIN	3842	7	2933	8	7853	37	146	0.5	1178	3	7807	21
12	SPAIN	11045	23	510	2	384	1	1161	8	10099	30	5821	15
13	SUDAN	5891	12	632	2	11214	43	3834	12	-	-	235	0.35
14	OTHER COUNTRIES	544195	1084	142350	326	604806	2814	241098	921	408400	1157	1230621	3157
Total		1550312	3588	1102637	3480	2113274	10354	1459396	6029	1519675	5483	2709648	7830

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

*Position upto 31st May, 2025

Annexure-II

In reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1515 to be answered on 29.07.2025.

Year-wise,/State-wise procurement of cotton under MSP operations during last five years

State	Qty in Lakh Bales and Value in Rs. Crore							
	2019-20		2020-21		2023-24		2024-25	
	Qty	Value of Purchases under MSP	Qty	Value of Purchases under MSP	Qty	Value of Purchases under MSP	Qty	Value of Purchases under MSP
Punjab	3.56	954.04	5.36	1528.78	0.38	128.4	0.02	6.14
Haryana	6.22	1636.5	10.57	2994.21	0.43	143.27	0.62	219.72
Rajasthan	3.76	978.39	9.11	2586.1	0.52	170.17	0.5	181.87
Gujarat	11.05	2972.83	4.15	1204.31	0.91	316.48	14.12	5148.33
Maharashtra	26.25	6897.85	17.51	4980.91	2.44	838.09	29.41	10714.29
MP	4.43	1237.54	4.44	1237.63	1.27	437.38	3.99	1441.09
Telangana	41.8	11687.3	34.01	10167.68	24	8642.22	40.38	15556.95
AP	2.68	647.21	3.42	1039.22	1.3	476	3.83	1478.13
Karnataka	3.5	797.21	1.26	358.81	0.62	215.26	5.22	1892.1
Orissa	1.61	613.06	2.06	621.86	0.95	344.25	2.06	796.9
West Bengal	0	0.07	0	0.2	0	0.77	0	0.92
Tamil Nadu	0.28	78.09	-	-	0	0	0	0
CCI Total	105.15	28500.1	91.89	26719.71	32.84	11712.3	100.16	37436.45
MSCCGMFL*	19.46	5054.37	7.44	2102	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	124.61	33554.47	99.33	28821.71	32.84	11712.3	100.16	37436.45
Note: In Cotton Season 2021-22 & 2022-23, cotton prices were ruling above MSP. Hence, no MSP support required by farmers.								
*Maharashtra State Co – Operative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Ltd								

Source: Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)

Annexure-III

**In reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1515 to be answered on 29.07.2025.
District-wise procurement of cotton under MSP operations in Maharashtra during last five years**

Sl No	Branch	District	2019-20				2020-21			
			Purchase		Value (Rs. in Crore)	No of transactions from Farmers in Lakh	Purchase		Value (Rs. in Crore)	No of transactions from Farmers in Lakh
			Lakh Qtls	Lakh bales			Lakh Qtls	Lakh bales		
1	Akola	Akola	13.51	2.78	725.87	0.54	7.31	1.39	393.21	0.27
2	Akola	Amravati	1.32	0.27	70.86	0.07	1.19	0.23	64.27	0.05
3	Akola	Buldhana	12.18	2.46	661.04	0.45	4.61	0.88	251.69	0.16
4	Akola	Chandrapur	4.55	0.93	245.26	0.20	5.16	0.98	282.91	0.23
5	Akola	Nagpur	2.01	0.41	106.78	0.08	0.54	0.10	30.38	0.02
6	Akola	Wardha	12.52	2.55	675.40	0.62	6.12	1.16	336.87	0.29
7	Akola	Washim	1.59	0.32	85.90	0.07	0.92	0.17	49.66	0.04
8	Akola	Yavatmal	21.54	4.36	1163.41	1.11	13.28	2.53	728.21	0.68
9	Aurangabad	Ahemadnagar	1.47	0.30	78.97	0.07	0.95	0.18	50.31	0.04
10	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	4.23	0.88	227.94	0.15	3.15	0.60	168.25	0.10
11	Aurangabad	Beed	3.50	0.72	186.55	0.12	5.21	0.99	277.38	0.15
12	Aurangabad	Dhule	4.21	0.87	225.62	0.14	2.25	0.43	122.88	0.06
13	Aurangabad	Hingoli	2.68	0.55	144.54	0.12	2.20	0.42	119.48	0.09
14	Aurangabad	Jalgaon	8.32	1.71	449.65	0.28	8.64	1.65	466.19	0.27
15	Aurangabad	Jalna	12.02	2.49	642.55	0.43	10.61	2.02	569.76	0.37
16	Aurangabad	Nanded	5.17	1.07	276.98	0.23	3.20	0.61	170.63	0.14
17	Aurangabad	Nandurbar	4.27	0.88	229.58	0.16	2.89	0.55	156.12	0.11
18	Aurangabad	Parbhani	13.03	2.69	700.95	0.56	13.76	2.62	742.72	0.53
Total			128.12	26.25	6897.85	5.41	91.98	17.52	4980.91	3.60

Sl No	Branch	District	2023-24				2024-25			
			Purchase		Value (Rs. in Crore)	No of transactions from Farmers in Lakh	Purchase		Value (Rs. in Crore)	No of transactions from Farmers in Lakh
			Lakh Qtls	Lakh bales			Lakh Qtls	Lakh bales		
1	Akola	Akola	3.10	0.62	213.91	0.11	22.69	4.54	1653.22	0.84
2	Akola	Amravati	0.53	0.11	36.48	0.03	13.51	2.70	973.22	0.57
3	Akola	Buldhana	1.04	0.21	71.96	0.04	9.08	1.82	663.09	0.34
4	Akola	Chandrapur	1.10	0.22	75.19	0.04	12.11	2.42	886.64	0.56
5	Akola	Nagpur	0.36	0.07	25.35	0.02	1.53	0.31	114.28	0.07
6	Akola	Wardha	0.38	0.08	26.06	0.02	8.43	1.69	617.38	0.44
7	Akola	Washim	0.39	0.08	27.38	0.02	1.50	0.30	111.28	0.07
8	Akola	Yavatmal	1.04	0.21	71.79	0.05	21.39	4.28	1565.83	1.10
9	Akola	Gadchiroli	-	-	-	-	0.25	0.05	18.24	0.01
10	Aurangabad	Ahemadnagar	0.01	0.00	0.38	0.00	2.98	0.60	217.50	0.15
11	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	0.07	0.01	4.83	0.00	7.29	1.46	531.34	0.27
12	Aurangabad	Beed	0.05	0.01	3.18	0.00	6.94	1.39	500.62	0.27
13	Aurangabad	Dhule	0.26	0.05	17.47	0.01	3.82	0.76	277.50	0.13
14	Aurangabad	Hingoli	0.06	0.01	3.76	0.00	1.83	0.37	134.47	0.10
15	Aurangabad	Jalgaon	0.83	0.17	57.02	0.03	4.79	0.96	347.63	0.17
16	Aurangabad	Jalna	1.48	0.30	101.27	0.05	8.89	1.78	645.89	0.30
17	Aurangabad	Nanded	0.74	0.15	50.25	0.04	2.95	0.59	215.37	0.15
18	Aurangabad	Nandurbar	0.04	0.01	2.72	0.00	3.07	0.61	222.44	0.14
19	Aurangabad	Parbhani	0.72	0.14	49.08	0.03	14.00	2.80	1018.34	0.59
Total			12.20	2.44	838.09	0.50	147.06	29.41	10714.29	6.27

Note: In Cotton Season 2021-22 & 2022-23, cotton prices were ruling above MSP. Hence, no MSP support required by farmers.

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