

IMPORT OF COTTON

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

- (a) the details of import of cotton into the country during the last ten years, along with the rate of purchase, year/country-wise;
- (b) the details of purchase of cotton from local farmers during the last ten years along with the rate of purchase, year/State wise;
- (c) the details of unsold bales in stock of CCI;
- (d) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) purchases cotton from farmers in Maharashtra at a Minimum Support Price (MSP); and
- (e) 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 due to same, if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)
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- (a): The details of cotton imports into the country over the last ten years, including year-wise and country-wise data along with value, are provided at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): State-wise details of cotton purchases from local farmers by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) during the last ten years, along with value is at **Annexure-II**.
- (c): Out of the total procurement of 100.16 lakh bales under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during the 2024–25 cotton season, 71.54 lakh bales have been sold through e-auction as of 04.08.2025, and unsold stock is 28.62 lakh bales.
- (d): As the Central Nodal Agency for implementing Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations for cotton, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) procures cotton when market prices of seed cotton (kapas) fall below the MSP. During the 2024–25 cotton season, CCI procured 144.55 lakh quintals of kapas in Maharashtra under MSP operations, valued at ₹10,714 crore, through 6.27 lakh farmer transactions.
- (e): To safeguard the interests of cotton farmers, the Government of India every year declares Minimum Support Price (MSP) on seed cotton. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) acts as the Central Nodal Agency, undertaking MSP operations as and when the market price of seed cotton falls below the MSP. During the 2024–25 cotton season, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) procured a total of 100.16 lakh bales under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations. This procurement, representing 34.04 % of the total estimated production of 294.25 lakh bales, was carried out through 508 procurement centers across 11 cotton-growing states. In light of above, there is no proposal to impose any restrictions or sanctions on import of cotton.

								(Qty in bales/Value in Rs. Crores)			
SR. N O.	COUNTRY	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	USA	2,56,960	508	4,06,087	754	14,18,835	3,539	8,73,987	2,331	16,87,878	4,044
2	PAKISTAN	1,76,943	350	52,798	98	-	-	111	0.4	-	-
3	EGYPT A RP	66,987	133	72,375	135	1,01,917	351	1,52,474	524	2,18,546	672
4	COTE D 'IVOIRE	91,294	181	1,10,450	205	86,344	184	27,385	60	2,29,961	503
5	AUSTRALIA	82,202	163	7,87,460	1,461	5,28,410	1,156	1,76,901	422	87,646	216
6	MALI	2,63,053	521	2,26,067	420	2,14,733	450	40,255	86	49,315	109
7	CHINA P RP	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,072	3	26,236	57
8	ISRAEL	13,250	26	14,487	27	34,010	114	14,500	51	4,093	13
9	SUDAN	1,463	3	1,443	3	14,856	26	6,421	13	11,187	21
10	BENIN	57,380	114	1,08,269	201	83,637	207	13,188	35	92,728	206
11	ZAMBIA	25,331	50	388	1	-	-	1,874	5	4,770	11
12	UGANDA	10,984	22	580	1	-	-	2,032	5	22,916	47
13	TANZANIA REP	34,756	69	6,095	11	53,728	107	40,062	94	38,822	93
14	SPAIN	5,295	10	6,317	12	10,427	28	9,572	29	20,939	46
15	TURKMENISTAN	7,563	15	12,686	24	-	-	8,348	22	2,869	7
16	BURKINA FASO	55,656	110	14,880	28	1,54,080	329	10,764	24	48,094	108
17	OTHER COUNTRIES	2,90,376	575	4,59,067	852	3,92,943	1,188	2,00,882	441	9,90,707	2,187
Total		14,39,493	2,849	22,79,449	4,232	30,93,920	7,679	15,79,829	4,147	35,36,706	8,339

SR. N O.	COUNTRY	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	USA	5,77,317	1,474	4,30,718	1,501	7,73,164	4,069	4,57,027	2,174	2,68,728	1,361
2	PAKISTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	EGYPT A RP	1,39,533	424	3,42,818	1,161	1,06,337	719	2,18,141	853	2,07,729	1,028
4	COTE D 'IVOIRE	1,01,587	209	7,584	17	84,255	378	1,6326	72	61,751	176
5	AUSTRALIA	52,475	119	1,14,847	300	3,94,518	1746	4,45,672	1,709	3,58,726	1,131
6	MALI	48,834	100	3,221	8	27,660	103	5,725	20	57,180	156
7	CHINA P RP	6	0.01	-	-	9,658	48	115	0.37	-	-
8	ISRAEL	5,872	18	26,425	80	13,972	90	8,760	61	10,115	62
9	SUDAN	5,891	12	632	2	11,214	43	3,834	12	-	-
10	BENIN	3,842	7	2,933	8	7,853	37	146	0.5	1,178	3
11	ZAMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	UGANDA	4,843	10	-	-	238	1	-	-	2,067	13
13	TANZANIA REP	36,430	69	2,894	9	50,844	192	37,855	115	1,07,121	288
14	SPAIN	11,045	23	510	2	384	1	1,161	8	10,099	30
15	TURKMENISTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	BURKINA FASO	3,385	7	-	-	10,951	52	6,761	24	17,434	52
17	GREECE	19,906	42	27,705	67	27,316	111	16,888	61	11,214	40
18	BRAZIL	1,30,031	254	52,228	109	1,10,065	506	75,722	227	67,805	152
19	OTHER COUNTRIES	4,09,315	820	90,122	217	48,4845	2,259	1,65,262	694	3,38,529	992
Total		15,50,312	3,588	11,02,637	3,480	2,11,3274	10,354	14,59,396	6,029	15,19,675	5,483

SR. NO.	COUNTRY	2024-25*	
		Quantity	Value
1	USA	5,25,523	1,802
2	PAKISTAN	-	-
3	EGYPT A RP	83,681	412
4	COTE D 'IVOIRE	75,906	199
5	AUSTRALIA	5,13,980	1,450
6	MALI	1,79,879	478
7	CHINA P RP	0.71	0.005
8	ISRAEL	23,049	115
9	SUDAN	235	0.35

10	BENIN	7,807	21
11	ZAMBIA	-	-
12	UGANDA	-	-
13	TANZANIA REP	35,074	100
14	SPAIN	5,821	15
15	TURKMENISTAN	-	-
16	BURKINA FASO	20,044	54
17	GREECE	8,029	28
18	BRAZIL	6,54,819	1,620
19	OTHER COUNTRIES	5,75,801	1,537
Total		27,09,648	7,830
Source: DGCIS, Kolkata		*Position upto 31.05.2025	

Annexure: 2

Details of State-wise MSP Procurement of cotton during the last 10 years.															
State	2014-15			2015-16			2016-17			2017-18			2018-19		
	Qty. in lakh Bales	Value of Purchases under MSP (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. No. of farmers' benefitted (in lakhs)	Qty. in lakh Bales	Value of Purchases under MSP (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. No. of farmers' benefitted (in lakhs)	Qty. in lakh Bales	Value of Purchases under MSP (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. No. of farmers' benefitted (in lakhs)	Qty. in lakh Bales	Value of Purchases under MSP (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. No. of farmers' benefitted (in lakhs)	Qty. in lakh Bales	Value of Purchases under MSP (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. No. of farmers' benefitted (in lakhs)
Punjab	1.28	256.80	0.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haryana	0.80	157.66	0.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rajasthan	0.88	174.06	0.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	6.66	1,340.44	2.36	0.52	102.20	0.10	-	-	-	0.95	209.08	0.22	0.08	21.53	0.01
Maharashtra	17.63	3,587.32	6.15	1.17	246.84	0.28	-	-	-	0.15	31.81	0.03	1.96	515.59	0.40
MP	2.82	5,87.23	1.66	0.29	60.99	0.08	-	-	-	0.08	17.27	0.06	0.51	136.63	0.12
Telangana	36.91	8,020.91	11.33	5.95	1297.28	1.34	-	-	-	2.63	612.64	0.55	7.77	2,191.76	1.63
AP	17.56	3,911.15	5.50	0.40	87.87	0.09	-	-	-	0.06	18.32	0.02	0.05	13.74	0.01
Karnataka	1.39	237.71	0.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.003	0.71	0.001	0.08	12.46	0.01
Orissa	1.03	231.74	0.73	0.12	29.41	0.019	-	-	-	0.02	7.47	0.004	0.25	83.49	0.19
West Bengal	0.003	0.64	0.003	0.003	0.86	0.004	-	-	-	0.004	0.92	0.004	0.001	0.41	0.003
Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.003	0.71	0.006
CCI Total	86.96	18,505.66	29.50	8.44	1,825.45	1.91	-	-	-	3.90	898.22	0.88	10.70	2,976.32	2.38
MSCCGMFL	5.64	1,072.19	1.22	0.51	102.67	0.11	-	-	-	0.006	1.23	0.002	0.074	19.33	0.015
Grand Total	92.60	19,577.84	30.72	8.95	1,928.12	2.02	-	-	-	3.91	899.45	0.89	10.78	2,995.65	2.40

State	2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			2023-24		
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Punjab	3.56	954.04	0.67	5.36	1528.78	1.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.38	128.40	0.09
Haryana	6.22	1,636.50	0.57	10.57	2,994.21	1.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.43	143.27	0.08

Rajasthan	3.76	978.39	0.62	9.11	2,586.10	1.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.52	170.17	0.09
Gujarat	11.05	2,972.83	2.14	4.15	1,204.31	0.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.91	316.48	0.20
Maharashtra	26.25	6,897.85	5.41	17.51	4,980.91	3.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.44	838.09	0.50
MP	4.43	1,237.54	1.00	4.44	1,237.63	1.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.27	437.38	0.31
Telangana	41.80	1,1687.30	9.14	34.01	1,0167.68	8.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.00	8642.22	5.42
AP	2.68	647.21	0.57	3.42	1,039.22	0.55	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.30	476.00	0.29
Karnataka	3.50	797.21	0.55	1.26	358.81	0.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.62	215.26	0.09
Orissa	1.61	613.06	0.30	2.06	621.86	0.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.95	344.25	0.19
West Bengal	0.0003	0.07	0.0018	0.001	0.20	0.002	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.77	0.00
Tamil Nadu	0.28	78.09	0.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
CCI Total	105.15	28,500.10	21.50	91.89	26,719.71	19.14				-	-	-	32.84	11,712.30	7.25
MSCCGMFL	19.46	5,054.37	3.45	7.44	2,102	1.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	124.61	33,554.47	24.95	99.33	28,821.71	20.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.84	11,712.30	7.25

State	2024-25		
	Qty. in lakh Bales	Value of Purchases under MSP (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. no. of transactions from farmers' (in lakhs)
Punjab	0.02	6.14	0.00
Haryana	0.62	219.72	0.12
Rajasthan	0.50	181.87	0.08
Gujarat	14.12	5,148.33	2.48
Maharashtra	29.41	10,714.29	6.27
MP	3.99	1,441.09	0.90
Telangana	40.38	15,556.95	8.92
AP	3.83	1,478.13	0.71
Karnataka	5.22	1,892.38	0.90
Orissa	2.06	796.90	0.38
West Bengal	0.00	0.92	0.00
Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00
CCI Total	100.16	37,436.73	20.77
MSCCGMFL	-	-	-
Grand Total	100.16	37,436.73	20.77

Note: In Cotton Season 2016-17, 2021-22 & 2022-23, cotton prices were ruling above MSP. Hence, no MSP support was required by farmers.
