

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 291
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2025

COTTON PRICES

291. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Textiles has taken measures to keep cotton prices stable to ensure textile units are not affected by fluctuating global cotton prices;
- (b) if so, the proactive measures taken by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and Ministry of Textiles in this regard;
- (c) whether the CCI has decided to sell cotton to end consumers directly, and not to traders and monitor traders to export cotton only after the domestic cotton demands are fulfilled and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has initiated special schemes for keeping cotton price stable, including the construction of storage godowns and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons there for; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to develop two more integrated Textile parks in Tamil Nadu under the PM Mitra Scheme?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
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(a) & (b): The Ministry of Textiles has taken several measures to help maintain stability in cotton prices and protect textile units from the impact of global price fluctuations. Cotton prices are naturally influenced by demand–supply dynamics and international market trends; therefore, the Ministry remains in continuous engagement with all stakeholders through the Textile Advisory Group to address price-related concerns across the cotton value chain. Further, to ease price pressures, the Government has exempted cotton imports from the existing 11% import duty, and this relief will remain in effect until 31.12.2025. In addition, the Government declares Minimum Support Prices (MSP) annually to protect farmers when market prices fall, and the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), whenever undertaking MSP procurement, sells its stocks daily through an independent online e-auction platform, ensuring transparent price discovery and enabling the textile industry to access cotton at competitive rates.

(c): The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) facilitates direct access for end users, primarily textile mills, by selling its entire stock through daily online e-auctions. Priority is accorded to textile mills through favourable terms, such as lower registration fees and reduced Earnest Money Deposit requirements compared to traders. Moreover, CCI conducts two e-auctions each day, with the first auction reserved exclusively for textile mills, ensuring their requirements are met before sales to traders.

(d) & (e): A five-year Mission for Cotton Productivity has been announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, with the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) as the nodal department and the Ministry of Textiles as a Support Ministry. The Mission is focused on enhancing cotton productivity, improving sustainability, and ensuring a steady supply of quality cotton.

Further, to provide integrated, world-class infrastructure for the entire textile value chain, the Government has approved the establishment of seven PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks across the country, including one in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu. There is no proposal currently under consideration for establishing any more Parks under the PM MITRA Scheme.
