

COTTON PROCUREMENT CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has opened any cotton procurement centres in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the CCI has purchased more than 45 lakh bales of cotton this year since October 1, 2025 from the farmers at Minimum Support Price and if so, the details thereof along with the volume of cotton purchased by CCI through its procurement centres in Tamil Nadu along with its prices during the last three years;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there is decline in cotton purchases by the CCI during the recent years and the CCI has not purchased a single bale of cotton from Tamil Nadu since October 1, 2025 till now and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is also true that the cotton farmers in the country are incurring losses as the yield per acre has come down drastically due to various reasons and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether it is also true that the quality of cotton that arrived in the market in October and November was poor because of unseasonal rains in the cotton growing regions and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री गिरिराज सिंह)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
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(a): In the cotton season 2025–26, CCI has opened 9 procurement centres in 8 districts of Tamil Nadu under its Branch Office at Coimbatore. The district-wise details of the centres are as under:

S. No.	District	Name of Centre
1.	Trichy	Thuraiyur
2.	Salem	Konganapuram
3.	Permabalur	Permabalur
4.	Dharmapuri	Harur
5.	Virudhunagar	Rajapalayam
		Arupukkottai
6.	Ariyalur	Ariyalur
7.	Theni	Theni
8.	Thoothukudi	Kovilpatti

(b) & (c): During cotton season 2025–26 (from October 1, 2025), Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has undertaken substantial procurement of about 522 lakh quintals of seed cotton in the country (equivalent to 104.86 lakh bales), valued at Rs. 41,518 crore, through 23.68 lakh farmer transactions under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations.

With regard to Tamil Nadu, MSP operations have remained minimal in recent cotton seasons, as farmers in the State have generally realized remunerative market prices above MSP or have not offered kapas at MSP at CCI procurement centres. However, during the Covid-19 pandemic in cotton season 2019–20, when market conditions were subdued, CCI supported farmers in Tamil Nadu by procuring seed cotton equivalent to 0.28 lakh bales valued at Rs. 78 crore through about 0.29 lakh farmer transactions.

(d) & (e): Cotton yield and quality are influenced by multiple agronomic and weather-related factors, including pest incidence and rainfall patterns; in some regions, unseasonal rains during October–November led to moisture ingress and quality variations. A statement indicating area, production and yield from 2021–22 to 2025–26 is enclosed at **Annexure-I**. Further, all cotton offered by farmers in the country at the MSP rates is procured as per prescribed guidelines and district-wise yield declared by the state governments. Accordingly, state-wise procurement of cotton under MSP operations during current cotton season 2025-26 vs 2024-25 is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW)
State-wise Area, Production & Yield of Cotton, (2021-22 to 2025-26)
Source: DA&FW

State	Area (Thousand Hectares)					Production (Thousand Bales)					Yield (Kg./Ha.)				
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Andhra Pradesh	554.00	704.00	422.00	404.00	542.00	1707.62	1540.52	737.26	1131.20	1211.53	524	372	297	476	380
Gujarat	2283.70	2483.73	2683.32	2371.65	2095.79	7509.34	8795.33	9056.99	7156.80	6607.90	559	602	574	513	536
Haryana	635.60	574.61	577.68	398.46	393.51	1316.06	1000.50	1508.76	1176.63	974.52	352	296	444	502	421
Karnataka	674.00	949.00	743.00	678.00	881.00	1954.60	2567.88	2058.55	2273.29	2150.68	493	460	471	570	415
Madhya Pradesh	560.00	595.00	630.00	537.00	559.00	1419.76	1433.25	1801.06	1535.19	1016.07	431	410	486	486	309
Maharashtra	4409.97	4182.44	4234.47	4122.98	3854.73	8249.24	8315.67	8045.49	7372.86	7890.85	318	338	323	304	348
Odisha	193.11	216.31	216.31	238.62	239.41	625.91	704.92	704.92	822.54	849.20	551	554	554	586	603
Punjab	251.30	248.90	213.80	160.40	141.80	645.99	443.63	628.82	414.21	346.16	437	303	500	439	415
Rajasthan	755.86	814.61	1003.79	627.39	643.70	2480.99	2774.47	2621.66	1786.22	1794.78	558	579	444	484	474
Tamil Nadu	147.91	173.27	129.73	102.36	50.54	301.91	319.02	251.83	210.74	112.08	347	313	330	350	377
Telangana	1889.00	1972.90	1818.00	1812.31	2052.01	4878.06	5744.62	5079.71	5788.73	6083.61	439	495	475	543	504
Others	17.07	12.03	15.54	30.45	28.96	28.11	20.38	26.97	55.77	53.86	280	288	295	311	316
All India	12371.5	12926.8	12687.6	11483.6	11482.4	31117.59	33660.1	32522.0	29724.1	29091.24	428	443	436	440	431

Data for the year 2025-26 is of 2nd Advance Estimates

1Bale=170 Kg

Annexure-II

State	2024-25				2025-26*			
	Cotton procurement under MSP		Value (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. no. of transactions from farmers'(in lakhs)	Cotton procurement under MSP		Value (Rs. in Crores)	Approx. no. of transactions from farmers'(in lakhs)
	Seed cotton (Lakhs Qntls)	Equivalent Lint (Lakh Bales)			Seed cotton (Lakhs Qntls)	Equivalent Lint (Lakh Bales)		
Punjab	0.08	0.02	6.14	0.00	2.30	0.47	180	0.12
Haryana	3.00	0.62	219.72	0.12	9.91	2.04	777	0.47
Rajasthan	2.46	0.50	181.87	0.08	16.72	3.46	1,314	0.78
Gujarat	68.99	14.12	5,148.33	2.48	97.69	20.03	7,852	3.06
Maharashtra	144.55	29.41	10,714.29	6.27	136.93	27.98	10,883	6.71
MP	19.59	3.99	1,441.09	0.90	27.47	5.59	2,175	1.21
Telangana	210.20	40.38	15,556.95	8.92	163.42	31.73	12,974	9.30
AP	20.09	3.83	1,478.13	0.71	19.99	3.90	1,557	0.65
Karnataka	25.61	5.22	1,892.38	0.90	34.27	7.01	2,725	1.14
Orissa	10.74	2.06	796.90	0.38	13.68	2.70	1,080	0.46
West Bengal	0.01	0.002	0.92	0.00	0.01	0.00	1	0.00
Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	505.33	100.16	37,436.73	20.77	522.39	104.91	41,518	23.90

*Position as on 19.03.2026
