

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN INDIA .

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Will the Minister of COALCOAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the rank of India amongst cotton growing countries has come down;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total production of cotton in the country during each of the last three years, State- wise;
- (d) whether Government proposes to formulate a scheme to encourage production of cotton in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a):No. Sir.

(b):Does not arise.

(c):State-wise production of cotton during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 to 2008-09 is given in Annexure.

(d) & (e):The Government has been implementing a Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) since 2000-01. The aim of the TMC is to increase production, productivity and improve the quality of cotton. The TMC consists of four Mini Missions. Mini Mission-1 on research is being implemented by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), while Mini Mission-II for enhancing production and productivity is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The Mini Mission-III on the development of market infrastructure and Mini Mission-IV on modernization of ginning/pressing factories are being handled in the Ministry of Textiles.