

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:546
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001
COTTON TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had launched a Rs.600 crore Cotton Technology Mission last year to promote the cultivation of cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have made any review of this programme;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) the quantum of cotton produced in the country during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, State-wise;
- (f) the quantum of cotton exported and imported, separately, during the said period, country-wise and the impact of such import on domestic cotton growers; and
- (g) the steps being taken to protect the interest of Indian Cotton growers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.546 DUE FOR REPLY ON 30TH AUGUST, 2001.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton in February, 2000 with a total outlay of Rs. 566.5 crores for increasing production, productivity and quality of cotton. The Technology Mission on Cotton consists of four Mini Missions. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is responsible for implementation of Mini Mission-I covering research aspects and the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is responsible for the implementation of Mini Mission-II for extension and developmental activities. The Ministry of Textiles is the nodal Ministry for Mini Mission-III for improvement in marketing infrastructure and Mini Mission-IV for the modernization of ginning/pressing factories.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Scheme is being reviewed regularly by the Empowered Committee under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India as well as by the Standing Committees constituted for each Mini Mission under the chairmanship of the concerned Secretary to the Government of India. Apart from these Committees, the Agriculture Commissioner to the Government of India who is also the Mission Director, has been regularly monitoring the implementation of the Mission. Based upon these reviews, necessary modifications, in operational guidelines are being carried out in order to improve this Scheme.

(e): Data on the state-wise cotton production during 1998-99 and 1999 2000 is enclosed (Annexure-I). The data for the year 2000-01 has not yet been finalised.

(f): The statement regarding import and export of cotton during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 from important countries is enclosed (Annexure-II & III respectively). In so far as the impact of import of cotton on cotton growers is concerned, so far there seems to have been no adverse impact as the cotton prices remained higher than the Minimum Support Price.

(g) To safeguard the interests of the cotton growers, besides the implementation of the Technology Mission on Cotton, the Government also announces Minimum Support Price for cotton each year and guarantees its procurement, if the price falls below the Minimum Support Price, through the Cotton Corporation of India in all States except Maharashtra. In Maharashtra, the State Government itself procures cotton under its Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme.

Annexure-I

Part (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 546 for 30.8.2001

Cotton Production in Major States during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(Production in Lakh Bales of 170 kg. each)

States 1998-99 1999-2000

Andhra Pradesh 15.22 15.95
Gujarat 39.03 20.86
Haryana 8.73 13.09
Karnataka 9.77 7.6
Madhya Pradesh 4.29 5.25
Maharashtra 26.19 31.00
Orissa 0.53 0.79
Punjab 5.95 9.5
Rajasthan 8.72 9.84
Tamil Nadu 4.06 2.88
Uttar Pradesh 0.08 0.08

All India 122.87 116.44

Annexure-II

Part (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 546 for 30.8.2001).

The quantum of cotton including cotton waste imported from major countries during 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001

S.No Country Quantity Imported (In Tonne)

1998-99 99-2000 2000-2001

1. Australia 13612 23208 29382
2. Benin 2179 14501 24282
3. Burkina Faso 1241 9919 7733
4. Egypt 7376 7908 8827
5. Germany 657 458 768
6. Israel 774 144 97
- 7 Ivory Coast 976 18532 28775
8. Latvia 2146 - -
9. Russia 1153 13439 8752
10. Senegal 1082 969 1014
11. South Africa 1868 19453 6686
12. Sudan 5712 1341 3115
13. Turkey 4212 17039 1375
14. UK (Britain) 2142 701 118

15. USA 3630 12866 14080

Annexure-III

Part (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 546 for 30.8.2001

The quantity of Cotton including cotton waste exported from India to major countries during 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 .

S.No Country Quantity Exported (In Tonne)

1998-99 99-2000 2000-2001

1. Bangladesh 1325 82 1601

2. Belgium 1344 1281 1210

3. Chinese Taipei 8352 584 410

4. China P RF 2151 - 1062

5. France 845 913 1496

6. Germany 1842 616 1198

7 Hongkong 7576 141 1571

8. Italy 4296 2862 5188

9. Japan 5420 5471 4586

10. Netherland 1493 220 90

11. U.K.(Britain) 4234 2569 317