

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COTTON CULTIVATION IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total areas in the country specially in Orissa brought under cotton cultivation as on date, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government are aware of the distress to sell cotton in the country including Orissa;
- (c) if so, the steps taken to ensure remunerative prices to the cotton growers in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken to provide timely assistance to the cotton growers so that the farmers are able to promote cultivation of cotton?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The state-wise area under cotton cultivation in 2004-05 as per the 3rd Advance Estimates is shown in the annexure.

(b) to (d): In order to ensure remunerative price to cotton growers in the country including Orissa, the Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton every year. MSP for cotton for the year 2005-06 has already been announced which is Rs. 1760 per quintal for (F-414/H-777/J34 variety) and Rs. 1980 per quintal for (H-4 variety). To avoid distress sale due to fall in cotton prices below the Minimum Support Price (MSP), the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), the nodal agency of the Government of India, enters the market to buy Cotton (Kapas) at MSP fixed by the Government of India. During the current season of 2004-05, CCI has procured 138.53 lakh quintals of Kapas at the all India level including procurement of 1.28 lakh quintal of Kapas in Orissa.

In order to increase the production, productivity and improve the quality of cotton, the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) since 2001. In 2004-05 TMC is being implemented in 13 states including Orissa.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 6480 on Cotton Cultivation in Orissa due for reply on 09.05.2005.

Area under Cotton in 2004-05 ('000 Hectares)

Andhra Pradesh	990
Assam	1
Gujarat	1994
Haryana	621
Karnataka	450
Kerala	1
Madhya Pradesh	559
Maharashtra	3041
Orissa	46
Punjab	509
Rajasthan	301
Tamil Nadu	180
Uttar Pradesh	5
Others	10

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