

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The details regarding quantum of cotton produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise ;
- (b) Whether production of cotton is likely to increase during the current year ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The facilities provided by the Government to the cotton growers ?

Answer

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

(a) : The quantum of cotton produced during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 is enclosed in the annexure.

(b)&(c) : It is too early to predict at this juncture any substantial increase in the production of cotton in the current year that is 2004-05. However, till middle of August, 2004, area under cotton at the All-India level is around 6 lakh hectares more than the corresponding area last year. The additional area under cotton is mostly in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Punjab and the productivity of cotton in these States are usually higher than the productivity at All India level. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect higher production of cotton in 2004-05 than in 2003-04.

(d): In order to increase the production, productivity and improve the quality of cotton, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) which became operational in 2000-2001. The TMC is being implemented during 2004-05 in 13 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tripura. Under mini-mission-II of TMC the following programmes are undertaken:

Production & supply of certified seeds of varieties/hybrid released during last 15 years.

Transfer of technology through field demonstration and farmers training.

Establishment of seed delinting plant.

Plant Protection measures.

Supply of water saving devices like sprinkler & drip irrigation etc.