

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2880
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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON IN MAHARASHTRA
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited is not getting any subsidy from the Union Government through it purchases the raw cotton & help the Government in maintaining Minimum Support Price (MSP);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to notify the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited as an agent for procurement of cotton;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (e) the present status of the proposal and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Government of India is not giving any subsidy to the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited for procurement of cotton.
- (b): The Government of India reimburses losses incurred, if any, to the Central agencies only for procurement of raw cotton under Minimum Support Price (MSP).
- (c) to (e): The Government of Maharashtra had requested the Union Government to notify the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited (MSCCGMF) as an agent for procurement of cotton. The proposal has not been agreed to, so far.