

**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 rank that India holds amongst cotton growing countries of the world;
- (b) the production of cotton in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to encourage production of cotton; and
- (d) if so, the details of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): India is the second largest producer of cotton in the world, next to China.
- (b): State-wise production of cotton in the country during the last three years i.e. 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 is given in the Annexure.
- (c) & (d): In order to increase production, productivity and improve the quality of cotton, the Government is implementing a Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) since 2000-01. The Technology Mission on Cotton consists of four Mini- Missions. Mini-Mission-I on Research is being implemented by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Mini-Mission-II for enhancing production and productivity is being implemented by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Mini-Mission-III on the development of market infrastructure and Mini-Mission- IV on modernization of ginning/pressing factories are being dealt by the Ministry of Textiles.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing the Mini- Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton in 13 States viz; Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tripura. The main strategies of Mini-Mission-II are:

- # Increasing availability of quality seeds
- # Covering more area under hybrids
- # Popularization of integrated pest management methods
- # Increasing irrigated area under cotton by efficient use of water through drip and sprinkler.
- # Transfer of technology to farmers through field demonstrations and training of extension workers, input dealers and farmers.