

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1352  
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COTTON CULTIVATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the areas under cotton cultivation;
- (b) if so, the target set for 2009-10;
- (c) the assistance extended/proposed to be extended to the cotton growers; and
- (d) whether any central scheme has been formulated for promoting cotton production, if so, the details thereof?

**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)&(b): No, Madam. The Government does not fix the targets of area under cotton cultivation. However, State wise cotton production targets have been fixed for 2009-10 which are as under:-

State      Production target  
(lakh tones)

Andhra Pradesh      35.00

Gujarat      94.00

Harayana      20.00

Karnataka      9.00

Madhya Pradesh      9.00

Maharashtra      55.50

Orissa      1.50

Punjab      24.50

Rajasthan      8.00

Tamil Nadu      2.00

Others      1.50

All India      260.00

(c)&(d): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton in 13 States, namely: Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tripura.

The assistance is provided under the scheme to farmers & for their benefits on the production and supply of certified seeds of varieties/hybrids not older than 15 years, transfer of technology through frontline and field demonstrations, training of farmers and extension workers, insecticide resistance management, plant protection measures including IPM demonstration, supply of sprayers, pheromone traps, bio-agents as well as water saving devices like sprinklers and drip irrigation system.