

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF COTTON PROCUREMENT CENTRES

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has made a request for opening additional procurement centres at Nuapada, Parlakhemundi of Gajapati district and Digapahandi of Ganjam district, to provide more cotton procurement centres and help the local farmers; and

(b) if so, the action plan devised by the Union Government to intensify procurement of cotton by opening additional procurement centres and help the beleaguered farmers of the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): With a view to intensify procurement of cotton in the State to help the cotton farmers and avoid distress sales, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) open the procurement centres in a strategic manner, as and when required, which cover kapas arrivals of almost 90%. During current cotton season 2009-10, since the kapas prices at most of the places are ruling MSP, the intensity of MSP operations has been less as compared to last year. However, with a view to help the cotton farmers in avoiding distress sales, the CCI shall remain in the market till the last day of arrivals.