

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the Government of Maharashtra regarding reimbursement of money owed by NAFED to the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

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): Yes, Madam. NAFED, a Central Government agency for procurement of cotton, in addition to Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), has informed that Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation (MSCGFL) as an agent of NAFED, purchased raw cotton of value of Rs.5509.41 crores under Minimum Support Price during 2008-09 season in Maharashtra. So far, NAFED has released Rs.3907.00 crores, excluding sale proceeds of cotton seeds of Rs.1227.00 crore, leaving a balance of Rs.375.41 crore. The MSCGFL has not furnished the final accounts/claims to NAFED.