

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested for enhanced funding to increase agricultural productivity and improve the skills of the rural population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan of the Government to beef up procurement centres in Orissa both for cotton and other crops to address the long standing grievances of the farmers of this region?

**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) to (c): Orissa is one of the seven eastern states in the country included under the new initiative of 'Extending Green Revolution to the Eastern India' for increasing the crop productivity by intensive cultivation through promotion of recommended agriculture technologies and package of practices. Under this programme, an amount of Rs 39.83 crores has already been released to the state of Orissa against the allocation of Rs 79.67 crores.

During the meeting of Food Secretaries held on 27th July, 2010 for Kharif marketing season, states were asked to open enough number of procurement centers for maximizing the procurement of food grains especially for rice. It was informed that 2700 paddy procurement centers will be opened in the state of Orissa.

Normally, cotton is procured in the Agriculture Produce Market Committee(APMC) in the selected cotton districts of the country. On behalf of the Govt. of India, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd(CCI) is opening procurement centers in selected locations to operate MSP as well as commercial purchase during the season. So far Orissa is concerned, Cotton is grown on small scale in the state and CCI is not operating its purchase centers as done in case of major states. However, Cotton is marketed in APMC and there is no problem of marketing cotton in the state.