

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPORT TO COTTON GROWERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government extends technology upgradation support to the farmers engaged in cotton farming like awareness about modern methods of cultivation, improved seeds, protection from crop diseases, ways of getting better yield etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard, Statewise?

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): Yes, Madam. Government of India has been implementing Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton in important cotton growing states to increase productivity and production of cotton. Under the scheme assistance is provided on various inputs like seeds, agriculture implements, water saving devices, bio-agents/bio pesticides, integrated pest management, transfer of crop production and plant protection technologies through demonstrations and training of farmers and extension workers etc.

(b): As a result of implementation of above Scheme, the production of cotton has increased from 99.97 lakh bales in 2001-02 to 335.00 lakh bales in 2010-11 (1st Advance Estimate). The State-Wise production of cotton during the last three years is annexed.