

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cotton production in Gujarat including Rajkot;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up any Cotton Research Centre in Rajkot;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard and allocation made thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): The production and productivity of Cotton in Gujarat State including Rajkot is the highest among major Cotton growing States in the country. The production of Cotton in Rajkot District is estimated at 1.3 million bales with productivity of 750 kg/ha (2009-10).

(b) & (c): There is no proposal to set up any new Cotton Research Centre at Rajkot. There are two Cotton Research Centres at Surat and Junagadh in Gujarat besides Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Jamnagar, Targhadia (Rajkot), Khapat, Amreli to cater to the needs of Cotton growing regions.