

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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COTTON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched an Intensive Cotton Development Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the States where it is in operation;
- (c) the financial assistance provided for the said programme during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the targets fixed and the achievements made under the programme during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission of Cotton (TMC), previously known as Intensive Cotton Development Programme, is implemented in the country.

Under Mini Mission-II, assistance is provided on various inputs like seeds, agriculture implements, water-saving devices, bio-agents I bio-pesticides, integrated pest management, transfer of crop production and plant protection technologies through demonstrations, farmers field schools, training of farmers etc. to promote cultivation and production of cotton in major cotton growing States viz; Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tripura.

(c): The financial assistance provided under the scheme, year-wise are given below:-

Year    Funds Provided (Rs. in lakhs)

2008-09	5811.50
2009-10	5412.13
2010-11	1823.02
2011-12#	757.43

#Till 28.8.2011

(d): The production targets and achievements under the programme in major cotton growing States during the year 2008-09 to 2010-11 and target for 2011-12 is Annexed.