

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COTTON PRODUCTION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the production of cotton is likely to increase during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the production during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the production cost is also expected to increase due to storage cost of surplus produce;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government to promote the cultivation and production of cotton?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The production of cotton in current year is likely to be more than previous year in view of favourable weather condition. The production of cotton in major cotton growing States during the last three years is annexed.

(c) & (d): Normally storage cost do not affect production cost as farmers growing cotton sell their produce to the traders, who may at times store the produce. Some big farmers too may store some percent of their produce, but these are exceptions.

(e): To increase production and productivity of cotton, Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) is implemented since 2000-2001 in important cotton growing States. Under Mini Mission-II, 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, farmers field schools, training of farmers etc. to promote cultivation and production of cotton in the country.