

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COTTON PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of cotton produced in the country including Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is providing latest technology and other financial help to the cotton industry to promote production of cotton;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has approved setting up of Centre for Cotton Excellence in Rajkot to boost cotton production; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The cotton production in the major cotton growing States including Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh for the last three years and the current year is as under:-

(Production in lakh bales of 170 kg each)

State	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	(IV Adv. Estimates)	(1 Adv. Estimates)		

Andhra Pradesh	35.69	32.27	53.00	58.00
Gujarat	70.14	79.86	105.00	116.50
Haryana	18.58	19.26	17.50	19.57
Karnataka	8.66	8.68	12.50	12.00
Madhya Pradesh	8.56	8.55	20.00	20.75
Maharashtra	47.52	58.59	88.00	90.00
Orissa	1.47	1.47	2.50	3.50
Punjab	22.85	20.06	21.06	23.00
Rajasthan	7.26	9.03	9.00	13.00
Tamil Nadu	1.88	2.25	5.00	4.00

(b) & (c): The Government is implementing Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) for increasing cotton production and for assisting the cotton industry. Under Mini Mission-I of Technology Mission on Cotton, implemented by Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE), ICAR provides help for the development of varieties and production technologies to be used by farmers for increasing productivity & production of cotton in the country. Under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation provides assistance to the farmers 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. Under Mini Mission-III & IV, the Ministry of Textiles provides help for improvement of marketing infrastructure in market yards and for modernization of ginning and pressing of factories respectively.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Question does not arise.