

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON COTTON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds available for Technology Mission on Cotton is insufficient resulting in adverse impact on production of high quality cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the financial assistance under the Technology Mission on Cotton;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of cotton production in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (f) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government to promote cultivation of cotton in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During 11th Plan, an amount of Rs.274.75 crores have been allocated to the states under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton. As a result of implementation of Mini Mission-II, the production of cotton has increased from 226.32 lakh bales in 2006-07 to 334.25 lakh bales in 2010-11 (IV Advance Estimates). Similarly, productivity has also increased from 421 kg/ha to 510 kg/ha during above period.

(c) & (d): An amount of Rs.15.75 crores have been proposed for the year 2012-13 for implementation of Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton.

(e): The details of cotton production in the major cotton growing States 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
	(1V Adv. Estimate)		(1 Adv. Estimate)	

Andhra Pradesh	35.69	32.27	53.00	58.00
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Gujarat	70.14	79.86	105.00	116.50
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Haryana	18.58	19.26	17.50	19.57
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Karnataka	8.66	8.68	12.50	12.00
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Madhya Pradesh	8.56	8.55	20.00	20.75
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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

(f): Under Mini Mission-I of Technology Mission on Cotton implemented by the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, develops new varieties and technologies to be used by the farmers for increasing productivity and production of cotton in the country. Under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, assistance is provided to the farmers on various inputs like seeds, agricultural 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.