

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE TO COTTON GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide a special package to farmers to boost the production of cotton in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the cotton producing farmers are likely to be benefited by this special package; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to assist the cotton farmers in suicide prone areas?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India is implementing Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in 13 major cotton growing states to boost cotton production in the country since 2001-02. Under the scheme 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 protection technologies through demonstrations and training of farmers through Farmers Field Schools (FFS). These apart, activities like Insecticide Resistance Management (IRM), online pest surveillance and Front Line Demonstration are implemented by ICAR & SAU institutions.

(c): Mini Mission-II of TMC has benefited the cotton growers in terms of reducing cost of cultivation, reduction in pesticides use and in adoption of modern package & practices for increasing yield of the cotton.

(d): Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton is under operation in all districts of 13 cotton growing States.