

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COTTON PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cotton produced in the country including Gujarat during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the estimated production of cotton for the next three years;
- (c) the details of financial, institutional and technological assistance given by the Union Government to cotton producing States during the above period;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote cotton cultivation on the lines of Brazil and to set up a Centre for Cotton Excellence in Gujarat to boost cotton production; and
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

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

(a): State-wise details of production of cotton in the country during the last three years and the current year, i.e., 2008-09 to 2011-12 are given in the Annexure.

(b): Production estimates of agricultural crops are prepared by Ministry of Agriculture only after commencement of an agricultural year. Estimates of cotton production in the country for the next three years have not been prepared.

(c): The Government of India is implementing Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) under which technological, financial and institutional assistance is being provided by the Union Government for increasing cotton production in the country. Under Mini Mission-II (MM-II) of TMC which is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, assistance is being provided 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 and training of farmers etc. to promote good cotton practices to boost cotton productivity and production in the country.

During Eleventh Plan period, an amount of Rs.26.44 crores was allocated by Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) under MM-I for research and Rs. 207.19 crore (Central share) released by DAC under MM-II for cotton development in the country. During 2012-13, an amount of Rs.15.00 crores have been allocated under MM-II of TMC.

Details of funds allocated to Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur, All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP), Mini Mission-I and Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton during 2009-10 to 2012-13 are given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Schemes	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
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Central Institutes for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur	325.0	300.0	82.0	147.6
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All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP)	630.0	900.0	1068.0	672.8
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Mini Mission-I of Technology 500.0 650.0 365.0 657.0
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Mini Mission-II of Technology 6000.0 1979.0 1495.0 1500.0
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(d) & (e): The State Department of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat has proposed to establish a Centre of Excellence to cover all aspects of cotton cultivation, research and its post harvest technology. Further, under the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP), the ICAR is conducting basic strategic, applied research and development in cotton through Navasari Agricultural University and Junagarh Agricultural University.