

**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 Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented by the Government across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the assistance provided to cotton growers under the scheme during each of the last three years;
- (d) the target fixed by the Government for cotton production during the current season; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to boost the production of cotton?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government of India is implementing Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton in 13 major cotton growing states 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, training of farmers through Farmers Field Schools (FFS), Insecticide Resistance Management (IRM), online pest surveillance, Front Line Demonstrations etc; which are implemented by ICAR & SAU institutions and the State Governments.

Financial assistance provided under the scheme during each of the last three years is as under:-

Sl..No.	Year	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
1	2010-11	1979.00
2	2011-12	1495.00
3	2012-13	1500.00

(d): Target for Cotton Production during current season so far is yet to be finalized.

(e): To boost cotton production, assistance is being produced under Mini Mission -II of Technology Mission on Cotton.