

**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 Government has taken any steps to improve the practices of cotton farming in the country including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of cotton production in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any basic and strategic research on cotton to develop high yielding varieties and hybrids of cotton; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. To improve the practices of cotton farming in the country including Gujarat, the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) Nagpur and All India coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP), Coimbatore of ICAR are conducting basic, strategic, applied research in the country to develop new varieties & production technologies in cotton.

This apart, since 2001-02 the Government of India is implementing Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton in 13 major cotton growing states including Gujarat. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided on various inputs like seeds, 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.

(c): The details of cotton production in the country during last 3 years and current year is as under:-

States	Production of Cotton (Lakh bales)			
	2010- 12	2011- 12	2012- 13	2013- 14
Andhra Pradesh	53.00	49.00	73.50	68.00
Gujarat	104.00	120.00	87.25	105.00
Haryana	17.50	26.50	25.00	24.00
Karnataka	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00
Madhya Pradesh	20.00	20.00	22.00	18.00
Maharashtra	85.00	72.00	76.50	82.00
Orissa	2.50	3.25	4.00	3.50
Punjab	21.00	23.00	20.00	22.00
Rajasthan	9.00	13.35	13.00	10.00
Tamil Nadu	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00
Others	2.00	8.40	1.75	1.50
All India	330.00	352.00	340.00	353.00#

1st Advance Estimate

(d) & (e): Central Institute for Cotton Research, CICR Nagpur and SAUs are conducting research to develop high yielding varieties and hybrids of cotton.

As a result of the efforts of ICAR & SAUs, more than 200-250 varieties including hybrids have been developed for various agro climatic conditions of the country.