

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:195

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes under implementation for the promotion, cultivation and production of cotton in the country;
- (b) the criteria laid down for selection of villages under the scheme;
- (c) whether there has been a decline in the production of cotton in several cotton producing States in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 195 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH MARCH, 2012.

(a) & (b): For promotion, cultivation and production of cotton in the country, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Mini Mission-II under Technology Mission on Cotton. The scheme is being implemented in 13 cotton growing states in the country and selection of area under the scheme is done by the State Government.

(c) & (d): Cotton production has shown increasing trend during the last 3 years and the current year. In 2008-09, the cotton production in the country was 222.76 lakh bales of 170 kg each. Production is estimated to be 340.87 lakh bales during 2011.12. However, in 2008-09, production declined primarily in Maharashtra due to deficient rainfall resulting in dry spell in many parts of the state, in Punjab because of delayed sowing due to late release of canal water and heavy rain during 2nd week of May and in Gujarat due to heavy rainfall leading to flood. During 2009- 10, the production fell mainly in Andhra Pradesh due to drought and in Punjab due to reduction in area under cotton cultivation. In 2010-11, production fell in Haryana due to shift in area from cotton cultivation. During 2011-12, production suffered in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra due to drought / moisture stress conditions.