

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING UP OF COTTON PROCURING CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to open up more cotton procuring centres by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to procure the available cotton under minimum support price operation without any quantity restrictions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such procurement centres set up so far, State-wise; and
- (d) the quantity of cotton procured so far and the benefits reached to the farmers in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has been advised to open additional cotton procurement centres in consultation with the State Governments as and when required as envisaged under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation announced by the Government.

(c): For the Cotton Season 2014-15, CCI has planned to operate more than 340 procurement centres in 92 districts across 11 Cotton growing States in the country as given below :-

S. No.	State	No. of Districts	No. of Centres
1.	Maharashtra	17	66
2.	M.P.	7	19
3.	Gujarat	19	60
4.	Punjab	8	27
5.	Haryana	4	15
6.	Rajasthan	9	26
7.	A.P.	6	27
8.	Telangana	9	81
9.	West Bengal	1	1
10.	Orissa	3	6
11.	Karnataka	9	15
	Total	92	343

(d): By the end of November, 2014 CCI has procured approximately 11,58,000 bales of cotton valuing around 2700 Crores for market stabilisation and thereby alleviating farmers distress.