

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF COTTON PROCUREMENT CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to open cotton procurement centres at villages and small towns level rather than the present district level centres on the lines of procurement of paddy and wheat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be set up for the convenience of the cotton farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has been advised to open additional cotton procurement centres in consultation with the State Governments as and when required depending upon necessary infrastructure as, envisaged under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation announced by the Government. Now, CCI is operating 343 procurement centres in 92 districts across 11 Cotton growing States, details of which are 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