

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRICES OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the domestic and international prices of cotton during the said period;
- (c) whether the prices of cotton have fallen in the last few months;
- (d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to protect the cotton farmers in the country particularly in Kerala along with the number of cotton procurement centres set up by CCI in the country;
- (e) whether the cotton distribution policy has stabilised prices in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The production of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise is placed at Annexure I.
- (b): The domestic and international prices of cotton during the said period are given below:-

Cotton Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
(in US Cents/lb)	(in US Cents/lb)	(in US Cents/lb)	(Upto 05.03.2015)	

Domestic Prices (Oct. - Sept.)	86.51	86.14	86.54	66.37
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International Prices (Aug. - July)	100.00	87.89	90.59	70.14
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(c) & (d): Yes Madam. For the Cotton Season 2014-15, Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) has been mandated to undertake Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations. CCI is operating more than 340 procurement centres in 92 districts across 11 cotton growing States in the country. Apart from CCI, in Maharashtra, the Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited (MSCCGMFL) has also been assigned the role of MSP procurement of cotton. Directions have been issued to CCI for the smooth conduct of MSP operations during the Cotton Season 2014-15, which include giving wide publicity of MSP of cotton fixed and the details of procurement centres opened by CCI for MSP operations, opening of additional purchase centres as per requirement, online payment to farmers and constant monitoring of the operations in each centre on a daily basis by the CCI.

Since, cotton production in Kerala is not much, there is no procurement centre. Ministry of Textiles has also not received any request from the Kerala Government for opening of any procurement centre.

(e) & (f): No specific cotton distribution policy has been laid down.