

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:43  
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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON  
Patole Shri Nanabhau Falgunrao

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra to raise the limit of loan for purchasing of cotton through NAFED during the year 2014-15 under the price support scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the approval is likely to be given?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. NAFED, which is an agency alongwith Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), for procurement of cotton under Price Support Scheme (PSS), exhausted the existing guarantee limit of `2900 crore for procurement of various commodities of oilseeds and pulses particularly groundnut and gram during Rabi, Kharif 2013-14 season and was thus unable to undertake procurement. Accordingly, a proposal was moved for additional Government guarantee of `500 crore in favour of NAFED. However, it was not agreed to.

However, to alleviate the concerns of cotton growing farmers of the State, Government has entrusted the responsibility of procurement of cotton in the State to the Cotton Corporation of India.