

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1154

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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaints from the cotton farmers/ organization regarding procurement of cotton in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons/agencies found guilty along with the details of action taken against them during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any note of the distress sale of cotton and cotton products in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken proposed to be taken by the Government to alleviate the hardship of cotton farmers across the country; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to restructure Cotton Corporation of India to enhance its efficiency and capacity to handle huge quantity of cotton to be procured in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) During the Cotton Season 2013-14, cotton prices operated above MSP level and therefore, MSP operations were marginal. The Government has not received any complaint in this regard.
- (c) & (d): Government does not have any report of distress sale of cotton from any cotton growing states.
- (e): There is no proposal for restructuring of Cotton Corporation of India.