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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3341
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST JANUARY, 2019

PROMOTION OF COTTON INDUSTRY

3341. SHRI A. T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to initiate any cluster development in view of cotton production in Jalgaor district of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not making any special effort to provide remunerative price for the produce of the farmers in higher cotton producing areas of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing Cotton Development Programme with a focus on cropping system approach under National Food Security Mission-Cotton (NFSM-Cotton) in 15 major cotton growing states including Maharashtra from 2014-15 with an aim to increase production and productivity. Thrust has been given on transfer of technology through frontline demonstrations and training in order to extend benefits to the farmers. The State Government may organize demonstration on cotton in cluster approach under National Food Security Mission –Cotton in the districts identified by the State Government. Maharashtra is the largest cotton growing state with a normal area of 41.05 lakh hectare (average of 2014-15 to 2018-19).

In addition, State can also support Cotton Development Programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

(c): In order to provide remunerative prices to cotton cultivators in the country, Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton for 2018-19 season @ Rs. 5150/- per quintal for medium staple and @Rs. 5450/- per quintal for long staple. MSP of cotton has been fixed with a return of atleast 50 percent of cost of production for 2018-19 season.
