

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1949**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/03/2021

**COTTON PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY**

1949. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts of the Central Government to start good cotton practices in the country and in Gujarat;
- (b) the vision of the Central Government to increase cotton production in the next five years in the country and the technological, financial and institutional help provided by the Central Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government would approve setting up of Centre for Cotton Excellence in Gujarat to boost cotton production?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing Cotton development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states including Gujarat from 2014-15 with the aim to increase production and productivity. Under this scheme, thrust has been given on transfer of latest technology through frontline demonstrations and training in order to extend benefits to the farmers.

The National Agriculture Research & Education System (NARES) has already developed good cotton practices in the country including Gujarat through research and development efforts of the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur and the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Cotton under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in collaboration with the State Agricultural Universities for sustainable and profitable cultivation of cotton in the country.

(b): The production of cotton in India is more than domestic requirement and surplus cotton is exported. The production & export of cotton during 2019-20 & 2020-21 is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Production (in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)</b>	<b>Export (in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)</b>
2019-20	360.65	38.69
2020-21	365.44*	42.87#

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates

# Upto December, 2020

To enhance the production & productivity of cotton, the Government of India has allocated an amount of Rs. 9.61 crores (central share) to the states during 2019-20 under NFSM-Cotton. An allocation of Rs. 11.09 crores (central share) has been made during 2020-21. Besides, states can support cotton development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) & ICAR- All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Cotton and State Agricultural Universities network provide institutional and technological support to stakeholders in cotton production.

(C): No Centre of Excellence on Cotton is contemplated in Gujarat by Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE)/ICAR.

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