

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1960
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/03/2021

INDIA'S SHARE ON GLOBAL PRODUCTION OF COTTON

1960. Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India having almost 9 million cotton farmers as compared to 8100 cotton farmers in the United States (US), India's share in the global production remains significantly smaller as compared to the US;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that per farmer cotton support to an Indian cotton farmer is a mere \$27 as compared to the \$117,494 support to the US cotton farmer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. As per the latest available data from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), India's share in global cotton production was about 22 per cent in 2019 as compared to 16 per cent of the United States (US).

(c) & (d): Government of India has increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops, including cotton with a return of atleast 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from the agricultural year 2018-19 onwards. Details of year-wise cotton procured under MSP operations and the number of farmers benefitted during last three years and current year are given below.

Crop Year	Procurement under MSP operations (Qty. in lakh bales)	Approx. Value (Rs. in Crore)	Number of farmers Benefitted (in Lakh)
2017-18	3.90	898	0.88
2018-19	10.70	2976	2.38
2019-20	105.15	28500	21.50
2020-21 (Position up to 03.02.21)	90.39	26432	18.67

Source: Ministry of Textiles

Government is implementing cotton development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states. Under this scheme thrust has been given on transfer of technology through frontline demonstrations and training in order to extend benefits to the farmers.