

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1595
ANSWERED ON- 10/12/2021

STATUS OF COTTON PROCUREMENT FROM ODISHA

1595. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding quantity, price, and frequency of cotton procurement from Odisha in the last three years;
- (b) whether cotton procurement from Odisha matches the total production of cotton in Odisha;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any measures to reduce the delay and increase the price of cotton procurement from Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a): The details of month-wise procurement of cotton under MSP operations in Odisha during last three years along with value is annexed.

(b): Statement showing %age of procurement under MSP operations as against production of cotton in the State of Odisha is annexed.

(c): Being a nodal agency of Government of India to undertake MSP operations of cotton, CCI Officials remain present at procurement centres right from the beginning of the cotton season till end to ensure minimum support prices to the cotton farmers wherever prevailing prices of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade kapas fall below MSP. Whenever market prices of FAQ grade kapas fall below the MSP rates, CCI procures entire quantity of such kapas offered to it by the cotton farmers in various APMC market yards at MSP rates. However, when market prices rule above MSP rates, CCI intervention is not required, as in such situation, farmers are getting better prices.

(d): MSP operations of cotton is a sovereign function of the Government of India to safeguard the cotton farmers from any eventuality of distress sales in the event prices of FAQ grade kapas fall below the MSP announced by Government of India. In order to ensure the benefit of MSP to large section of cotton farmers, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) is appointed as a Nodal agency under Ministry of Textiles for undertaking MSP operations of cotton directly from the cotton farmers duly identified by the State Government Officials without involving any middlemen.

CCI has taken following steps to protect the interest of cotton farmers of Odisha:

- i. Set up adequate infrastructure with its' one Branch Offices in Rayagada along with 14 procurement centres in 9 districts.
- ii. Disseminating the necessary information regarding MSP rates to cotton farmers by displaying banners in APMCs, Advertisements in newspapers, Cott-Ally mobile app, etc.
- iii. Co-ordinate and monitor MSP operation MSP Cell constituted at Corporate Office, Zonal Office & Branch Office.
- iv. Implemented 100% online payment of cotton purchased under MSP to the cotton farmers directly into their account through RTGS within three days.

Annexure

(a)

Crop Year	Procurement of cotton (in bales)										Total (in bales)	Value (Rs. in Crore)	No. of farmers benefitted (in lakh)
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July to Sept			
2018-19	-	63	756	16355	7779	501	-	-	-	-	25454	70.78	0.05
2019-20	-	299	38356	67509	35357	9662	4759	4111	605	-	160658	435.46	0.30
2020-21	-	16100	136467	43253	8230	1250	-	-	-	-	205300	621.86	0.40

(b)

Crop Year	Production (in lakh bales)	Procurement under MSP operations (in lakh bales)	%age Procurement
2018-19	4.00	0.25	6%
2019-20	4.00	1.61	40%
2020-21	4.99	2.05	41%
