

**COTTON FARMERS IN TELANGANA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government is aware that cotton farmers in Mancherial and Peddapalli districts of Telangana are facing serious difficulties in selling their produce due to the limited number of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) procurement centres;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposals to establish additional CCI procurement centres in these districts to ensure easy access, prevent distress sales and guarantee fair pricing for farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the timelines for opening the new centres and if not, the reasons for not considering this long pending demand of cotton farmers?

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ANSWER

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**(a):** During the cotton season 2025–26, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI), in association with the Ministry of Textiles, prescribed norms for opening procurement centers to expand Minimum Support Price (MSP) outreach. These norms aimed to ensure that cotton farmers in every Taluka/Mandal having at least 3,000 hectares under cotton cultivation, a functional APMC, and at least one Ginning & Pressing factory are able to avail MSP benefits, while also reducing transportation distances and waiting time for farmers. Accordingly, during the cotton season 2025–26, under the jurisdiction of CCI's three branches—Adilabad, Warangal, and Mahabubnagar—122 procurement centers were opened across 30 districts of Telangana, as compared to 110 centers during 2024–25. This included three procurement centers in Mancherial district (Luxettipet, Chennur, and Bellampally) and three procurement centers in Peddapalli district (Peddapalli, Sulthanabad, and Kamanpur).

During cotton season 2025-26, CCI has procured about 451 lakh quintals kapas (equivalent to 90 lakh bales) under MSP operations out of which 148 lakh quintals kapas (equivalent to 29.50 lakh bales) procured in the State of Telangana, valuing Rs. 11,800 crores, through 8.60 lakh direct farmer transactions. Out of 148 lakh quintals kapas procured in the State of Telangana, 5.80 lakh quintals, valuing Rs. 463 crores, have been procured in Mancherial district, and 1.21 lakh quintals, valuing Rs. 97 crore, seed cotton has been procured in Peddapalli District.

**(b) & (c):** During cotton season 2025-26, additional procurement centres were opened by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) based on the prescribed eligibility criteria. Three procurement centers each were opened in the districts of Mancherial and Peddapalli after assessment of parameters such as minimum of 3,000 hectares under cotton cultivation, availability of a functional APMC, and the presence of at least one ginning and pressing factory. Opening of procurement centres by CCI is undertaken on the basis of these objective criteria and operational requirements to ensure effective MSP operations.

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