

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF COTTON AT DISTRICT LEVEL
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to purchase cotton from cotton producer at district level;
- (b) if not, the policy of the Government regarding purchase of cotton;
- (c) whether the Government is aware about problems being faced by cotton growers in selling of cotton; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ascertain remunerative price for cotton to farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) Whenever the market prices of kapas (seed cotton) falls to the level of Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by the Government of India, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) undertakes support price operations, otherwise it procures kapas under its commercial operations at its own risk. While making purchases under MSP operations, the CCI purchases entire kapas offered to it by the farmers at authorized market yards.

(c) & (d) In order to ensure remunerative prices to the cotton farmers the CCI has purchased a record 138.35 lakh quintals of kapas equivalent to lint cotton of 26.98 lakh bales (of 170 Kg. each) under support price operations wherever the market prices have touched the MSP level.