

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON PROCUREMENT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open cotton procurement centres in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) As a nodal agency of the Government of India to undertake MSP operations, as and when kapas prices touch the MSP level, Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) opens procurement centres in various cotton growing States, depending upon the arrivals of kapas in the market yard and availability of other infrastructural facilities like ginning and pressing and warehousing etc. for processing and storage of cotton bales respectively. In order to help the cotton farmers located in remote areas, CCI also does operate satellite centres and arranges transportation of kapas to the processing points. This is being done every year.

(b) State-wise details of procurement centres operated by CCI during the current season vis-à-vis cotton season 2004-05 are as under:-

State 2005-06 2004-05

Punjab	16	14
Haryana	13	11
Rajasthan	26	23
Madhya Pradesh	17	17
Gujarat	57	47
Andhra Pradesh	62	71
Karnataka	21	19
Tamil Nadu	8	8
Orissa	7	7
Maharashtra	35	33
Total	262	250