

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:355  
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2006  
COTTON GINNING  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details with regard to the cotton processed by the cotton ginning industry during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether any annual target is fixed for the cotton ginning industry;
- (c) if so, the details of the achievements against the targets during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the capacity of the cotton ginning industry is not being optimally utilized;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to improve the condition of ginning industry?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 FOR ANSWER ON 17.03.2006.

(a): The Cotton Advisory Board has been finalizing the cotton production in the country based on the pressing figures. The figures of year-wise pressing during last three years are as under:

Year	Quantity ( in lakh bales)
2001-02	158.00
2002-03	136.00
2003-04	179.00
2004-05#	243.00

#final pressing figures awaited

(b) to (d): No such targets are fixed. However, the cotton produced in the season is brought to the location of ginneries and processed in the same year. With the increase in cotton production in the country, ginning and pressing factories in most of the States are fully utilized during the season.

(e): As per the survey carried out by the Textiles Committee, Government of India published in January 2004, there are around 3354 working ginning and pressing factories in the country located in various cotton growing States, comprising of 2318 ginning units, 122 pressing units and 914 composite units. Since most of the ginneries had age-old machineries, modernization of ginning industry has been taken up under the aegis of Technology Mission on Cotton.

(f) : With a view to improve production, productivity and also quality of cotton, the Government of India had launched Technology Mission on Cotton in February 2000 with four Mini Missions. Mini Mission IV relates exclusively to the modernization of ginning and pressing units in the country.

The progress of modernization of ginning and pressing units both under IXth Plan as also in Xth Plan is reproduced below.

(d)

	IXth plan	Xth Plan	Total	IXth plan	Xth Plan	Total
Punjab	29	29	0 4 4			
Haryana	3	3	0 1 1			
Rajasthan	2	2	0 0 0			
Gujarat	91	233	324 91 154 245			
Maharashtra	37	190	227 37 77 114			
Madhya Pradesh	17	18	35 17 4 21			
Andhra Pradesh	1	14	15 1 7 8			
Karnataka	2	6	8 2 2 4			
Tamil Nadu	2	2	0 1 1			
Orissa	2	2	4 2 0 2			
Div (UT)	1	1	0 0 0			

Total 150 500 650 150 250 400

Prior to modernization under Mini Mission IV of the TMC, many of the ginneries have undertaken modernisation under the Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF). Many other ginneries have also carried modernisation of their units on their own. At the current level of modernisation, more than 70 lakh bales are now being processed as least contaminated bales with minimal trash percentage and reduced level of contamination.

Under MM IV of the TMC, it is targeted to modernize atleast 1000 ginneries in the country and once it is done, these ginneries will have the capacity to process more than 80% of the total kapas produced in the country equivalent to international quality standards