

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON TECHNOLOGY MISSION  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement the Cotton Technology Mission;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the Mission;
- (c) the State-wise details of the ginning and pressing factories modernized since the launching of the Technology Mission and the amount spent thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment on the progress made so far in the implementation of the Technology Mission; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up steps proposed to be taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government of India had set up Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in February, 2000 with the objective of improvement in the production, productivity and quality of cotton and reduction in cost of cultivation, in order to provide abundant supply of good quality cotton at competitive prices to the textile industry and a remunerative return to the farmers. The Mission consists of four Mini Mission (MM). Focus of MM-I is on development of high yielding pest resistant varieties and hybrids and integrated water, nutrition and pest management technologies and its nodal agency is Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR). MM - II relates to transfer of the aforesaid technologies to farmers to ensure better returns and its nodal agency is Ministry of Agriculture. MM- III relates to improvement in marketing infrastructure and includes the revival of dormant market yards, improvement in existing market yards and setting up of new market yards. MM- IV aims at modernisation of ginning and pressing factories and thereby improving the quality of cotton by reducing contamination ensuring better prices to the growers. Nodal agency for MM- III & MM-IV is Ministry of Textiles and Implementing agency is Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI).

(c): State-wise details of the ginning and pressing factories modernized under TMC since the launching of the technology mission and the amount spent thereon is as under:-

State No. of Ginning & No. of Ginning & Government of  
Pressing factories Pressing factories India's share  
approved for modernized paid (Rs.  
modernisation till date in lakh)

Madhya Pradesh	35	19	372.03
Rajasthan	2		
Gujarat	347	205	4207.49
Andhra Pradesh	16	8	193.59
Haryana	3		
Karnataka	9	3	62.70
Maharashtra	229	102	2328.17
Punjab	29	3	55.80
Tamil Nadu	3	1	31.00
Orissa	4	2	40.00
DIU (U.T.)	1		
Total	678	343	7290.78

(d) & (e): The nodal agencies for various Mini Missions have been making assessment of progress made and the follow-up action is taken accordingly. Based on the progress, the targets for MM-III & MM-IV for the X Plan were revised upwards in June, 2005 and the number of experts looking after the implementation was also increased.