

IMPORT OF COTTON

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The details of cotton imports into the country over the last ten years, including year-wise and country-wise data along with value, are provided below.

State-wise details of cotton purchases from local farmers by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) during the last ten years, along with value is at below.

Out of the total procurement of 100.16 lakh bales under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during the 2024–25 cotton season, 71.54 lakh bales have been sold through e-auction as of 04.08.2025, and unsold stock is 28.62 lakh bales.

a. the Central Nodal Agency for implementing Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations for cotton, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) procures cotton when market prices of seed cotton (kapas) fall below the MSP. During the 2024–25 cotton season, CCI procured 144.55 lakh quintals of kapas in Maharashtra under MSP operations, valued at ₹10,714 crore, through 6.27 lakh farmer transactions. To safeguard the interests of cotton farmers, the Government of India every year declares Minimum Support Price (MSP) on seed cotton. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) acts as the Central Nodal Agency, undertaking MSP operations as and when the market price of seed cotton falls below the MSP. During the 2024–25 cotton season, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) procured a total of 100.16 lakh bales under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations. This procurement, representing 34.04 % of the total estimated production of 294.25 lakh bales, was carried out through 508 procurement centers across 11 cotton-growing states. In light of above, there is no proposal to impose any restrictions or sanctions on import of cotton.

The information was provided by THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES **SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA** in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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SR. NO.	COUNTRY	(Qty in bales/Value in Crore)									
		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Quantit y	Valu e	Quantit y	Valu e	Quantity	V al u e	Quantit y	Valu e	Quantity	Va l u e
1	USA	2,56,960	508	4,06,087	754	14,18,835	3,	8,73,987	2,33	16,87,878	4,

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SR. NO.	COUNTRY	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Quan tity	Value	Quant ity	Value	Quant ity	Value	Quant ity	Value	Quantit y	Value
1	USA	5,77,317	1,474	4,30,718	1,501	7,73,164	4,069	4,57,027	2,174	2,68,728	1,361
2	PAKISTAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	EGYPT A RP	1,39,533	424	3,42,818	1,161	1,06,337	719	2,18,141	853	2,07,729	1,028
4	COTE D 'IVOIRE	1,01,587	209	7,584	17	84,255	378	1,6326	72	61,751	176
5	AUSTRALIA	52,475	119	1,14,847	300	3,94,518	1746	4,45,672	1,709	3,58,726	1,131
6	MALI	48,834	100	3,221	8	27,660	103	5,725	20	57,180	156
7	CHINA P RP	6	0.01	-	-	9,658	48	115	0.37	-	-
8	ISRAEL	5,872	18	26,425	80	13,972	90	8,760	61	10,115	62
9	SUDAN	5,891	12	632	2	11,214	43	3,834	12	-	-
10	BENIN	3,842	7	2,933	8	7,853	37	146	0.5	1,178	3
11	ZAMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	UGANDA	4,843	10	-	-	238	1	-	-	2,067	13
13	TANZANIA REP	36,430	69	2,894	9	50,844	192	37,855	115	1,07,121	288
14	SPAIN	11,045	23	510	2	384	1	1,161	8	10,099	30
15	TURKMENIST AN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	BURKINA FASO	3,385	7	-	-	10,951	52	6,761	24	17,434	52
17	GREECE	19,906	42	27,705	67	27,316	111	16,888	61	11,214	40
18	BRAZIL	1,30,031	254	52,228	109	1,10,065	506	75,722	227	67,805	152
19	OTHER COUNTRIES	4,09,315	820	90,122	217	48,4845	2,259	1,65,262	694	3,38,529	992
Total		15,50,312	3,588	11,02,637	3,480	2,11,3274	10,354	14,59,396	6,029	15,19,675	5,483

SR. NO.	COUNTRY	2024-25*	
		Quantity	Value
1	USA	5,25,523	1,802
2	PAKISTAN	-	-
3	EGYPT A RP	83,681	412

