

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3355
ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2026

EXTENSION OF COTTON PROCUREMENT BY CCI

3355. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that cotton farmers in Maharashtra are facing distress during the 2025-26 season due to market prices falling below MSP and delays and limitations in procurement by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI);
- (b) details of MSP fixed and total quantity procured by CCI in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise and the quantity still remaining unsold with farmers;
- (c) whether Government has received representations regarding losses due to imports, procurement delays and procedural barriers; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure full procurement at MSP and protect Maharashtra's cotton farmers from distress sale and financial hardship?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): All cotton offered by farmers at the MSP rates is procured as per prescribed guidelines and district-wise yield declared by the state. On the request of the state, the last date of procurement in the State of Maharashtra was extended from 28.02.2026 to 15.03.2026 to enable remaining farmers to take advantage of MSP scheme.

(b) & (c): Statement showing MSP rates of cotton, along with year-wise and district-wise quantity of cotton procured by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years, is enclosed at Annexure.

With regard to the quantity of cotton remaining unsold with farmers, it is stated that, as per the meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption (COCPC) held on 08.12.2025, cotton production in Maharashtra was estimated at 72.66 lakh bales based on the First Advance Estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture. Further, as per market information, almost the entire amount of cotton has already arrived in the markets in the State.

(d): To ensure that the benefits of MSP reach a larger section of cotton farmers, CCI has been appointed as the Central Nodal Agency under the Ministry of Textiles for undertaking MSP operations across the country, including Maharashtra. In coordination with the Ministry, CCI expanded the State's procurement network to 168 centres across 21 districts, under its Akola and Aurangabad branches, up from 128 in 2024-25, ensuring wider coverage of cotton-growing areas. In the 2025-26 cotton season, CCI has introduced several farmer-centric initiatives, including the "Kapas Kisan App" for self-registration and slot booking, SMS alerts for real-time updates, extensive awareness campaigns, and Local Monitoring Committees and helplines to ensure smooth procurement operations and safeguard farmers' interests.

Statement showing MSP rates of cotton, as declared by the Govt. of India during the last three cotton seasons and current year:

Cotton Season	Medium Staple (Staple length 24.5 mm -25.5 mm & Miconaire 4.3 - 5.1)			Long Staple (Staple length 29.5 mm -30.5 mm & Miconaire 3.5 - 4.3)		
	MSP rate (Rs./Quintal)	Increase in MSP		MSP rate (Rs./Quintal)	Increase in MSP	
		Rs./Quintal	%		Rs./Quintal	%
2022-23	6,080	354	6.18%	6,380	355	5.89%
2023-24	6,620	540	8.88%	7,020	640	10.03%
2024-25	7,121	501	7.57%	7,521	501	7.14%
2025-26	7,710	589	8.27%	8,110	589	7.83%

Statement showing District-wise details of MSP operation of Cotton in the State of Maharashtra during the Cotton Season 2025-26:

(as on 16.03.2026)

Sr. No.	Branch	District	Progressive Purchase in Bales	Value (in ₹ lakhs)	No. Of Farmers
1	Akola Branch	Akola	378527	147183	76737
2		Amravati	365455	143029	76188
3		Buldhana	146025	56089	34863
4		Chandrapur	282786	111272	59740
5		Gadchiroli	10832	4225	2597
6		Nagpur	47017	18379	10290
7		Wardha	121774	47494	31536
8		Washim	35131	13662	9034
9		Yavatmal	415497	162808	113967
10	Aurangabad Branch	Ahmednagar	51709	20017	16949
11		Aurangabad	106939	41254	26576
12		Beed	116482	44710	24087
13		Dhule	89541	34768	17783
14		Hingoli	28995	11255	10105
15		Jalgaon	128115	49743	27745
16		Jalna	168680	65196	31646
17		Latur	1690	649	423
18		Nanded	42228	16285	13360
19		Nandurbar	61522	23837	15607
20		Nashik	261	103	50
21		Parbhani	198435	76295	48118
Total			2797641	1088253	647401

Statement showing District-wise details of MSP operation of Cotton in the State of Maharashtra during the Cotton Season 2024-25:

Sr. No.	Branch	District	Progressive Purchase in Bales	Value (in ₹ lakhs)	No. Of Farmers
1	Akola Branch	Akola	453767	165322	83838
2		Amravati	270183	97322	57235
3		Buldhana	181668	66309	33999
4		Chandrapur	242167	88664	56214
5		Gadchiroli	5014	1824	1145
6		Nagpur	30697	11428	7309
7		Wardha	168683	61738	43741
8		Washim	30048	11128	6804
9		Yavatmal	427865	156583	110367
10	Aurangabad Branch	Ahmednagar	59553	21750	14644
11		Aurangabad	145888	53134	27320
12		Beed	138722	50062	26745
13		Dhule	76455	27750	13149
14		Hingoli	36596	13447	9549
15		Jalgaon	95774	34763	16500
16		Jalna	177797	64589	30079
17		Nanded	58974	21537	15413
18		Nandurbar	61334	22244	14271
19		Parbhani	279966	101834	58944
Total			2941151	1071429	627266

Statement showing District-wise details of MSP operation of Cotton in the State of Maharashtra during the Cotton Season 2023-24:

Sr. No.	Branch	District	Progressive Purchase in Bales	Value (in ₹ lakhs)	No. Of Farmers
1	Akola Branch	Akola	62000	21391	11042
2		Amravati	10619	3648	2566
3		Buldhana	20875	7196	4293
4		Chandrapur	21985	7519	4406
5		Nagpur	7224	2535	1539
6		Wardha	7638	2606	2162
7		Washim	7889	2738	1664
8		Yavatmal	20730	7179	4872
9	Aurangabad Branch	Ahmednagar	113	38	25
10		Aurangabad	1444	483	329
11		Beed	916	318	205
12		Dhule	5222	1747	816
13		Hingoli	1109	376	362
14		Jalgaon	16702	5702	3085
15		Jalna	29622	10127	4828
16		Nanded	14774	5025	3918
17		Nandurbar	796	272	230
18		Parbhani	14441	4908	3220
Total			244099	83809	49562

Note: During Cotton Season 2022-23, Market prices of cotton were ruling above MSP. Hence, no MSP support was required by farmers.
