

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019

COTTON PRODUCTION IN ANDHRA PRADESH

*367. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh after bifurcation of the State in 2014, if so, the details of the year-wise production during the period and the reasons for decline in production and also the estimated production of cotton in the State during the next three years;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that textile mills in Andhra Pradesh are likely to pay higher taxes to procure cotton from Telangana and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to provide relief to textile mills in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK
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(a): The production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh State declined from 2014-15 due to bifurcation of the state in 2014, as major area under cotton cultivation went to Telangana State. Further, the downward trend of cotton production is mainly due to decreasing of cotton cultivation area in Andhra Pradesh. The drought like situation, deficient & erratic rains, dry & hot weather and soil moisture stress conditions could attribute to lower cotton production. The details of cotton production and area from the cotton year 2014-15 to 2018-19 are as under:-

(Production in lakh bales of 170 kgs each)
(Area in lakh hectare)

Cotton Year (October- September)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (P)
Production	26.50	23.75	19.00	21.26	14.50
Area	8.21	6.66	4.72	6.46	6.21

Source: Cotton Advisory Board (P) - Provisional

(b): The textile mills in Andhra Pradesh do not pay higher taxes to procure cotton or cotton bales from Telangana. However, the ginners and the traders have to pay 1% of cotton value towards market cess, if they purchase cotton or cotton bales from outside of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (e): The Government is implementing several schemes to support the Textile Industry which include the Amended Technology Up gradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS); Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP); SAMARTH etc. The industries are availing benefits under these schemes for upgrading/reviving their textile units. Further, to safeguard the interest of cotton farmers and to give them remunerative price of their produce, Government has nominated Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), as a nodal agency to undertake Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of seed cotton (kapas) in all cotton growing States. During the crop year 2018-19, CCI procured 0.50 lakh bales of seed cotton (kapas) under MSP in Andhra Pradesh.
