

Cotton Corporation of India

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Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved Minimum Support Price (MSP) funding to the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) for the cotton season 2023-24.

About Cotton Corporation of India

- It was established on 31st July 1970.
- It is a **Public Sector Undertaking under the Companies Act 1956.**
- **Nodal Ministry:** It works under the administrative control of **Ministry of Textiles, Government of India**
- **Functions:**
 - The major role of the CCI is to **undertake price support operations**, whenever the market prices of kapas fall below the **minimum support prices** (MSP) announced by Govt. of India, without any quantitative limit.
 - Besides MSP operations, to fulfil the **raw material requirement** of the domestic textile industry particularly for lean season, CCI undertakes commercial purchase operations.

- It has PAN India presence through **headquarters at Navi Mumbai** (Maharashtra), 19 branches in all major cotton growing States.

Cotton cultivation

- Cotton is a **tropical and subtropical crop** that requires warm conditions.
- **Cotton Cultivation Growing Requirements**
 - **Temperature:** The ideal temperature ranges in between 21°C to 30°C. It needs 210 frost-free days annually, as frost is highly damaging.
 - **Rainfall:** The crop requires 50–100 cm of rainfall, ideally well-distributed.
 - **Soil:** Cotton grows best in **deep black soils** (regur) of the Deccan Plateau, Malwa Plateau, and Gujarat. It also grows well in the alluvial soils of North India and red and lateritic soils in the South.
- **Major Cotton Growing states:** **Gujarat** is the leading producer **Telangana ranks second**, followed by **Maharashtra**.

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