

Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs) on Cotton

1. Q: How can I get information on state-wise area, production, yield of cotton and cotton balance sheet ?

Ans : The information / data on state-wise area, production, yield of cotton and cotton balance sheet as updated from time to time. For the ongoing cotton season is available on our website www.txcindia.com and can be accessed by clicking the link CAB Meeting;

2. Q : What is MSP order?

Ans : MSP Order: It contains the Minimum Support Price in respect of various staple length groups fixed every cotton year;

3. Q : Which information is covered in CACP Report?

Ans: It contains analytical exposition in the areas of (a) demand-supply balance, (b) price situation and support price intervention and (c) a reasoned suggestion for the level of MSP concerning raw cotton for every forthcoming cotton season and season is available on our website www.txcindia.com and can be accessed by clicking the link CACP Report;

4. Q : How do I access the information on Custom Notification pertaining to raw cotton?

Ans : The notification relevant to the import duty levied on raw cotton and drawback available on the export of raw cotton available on our website www.txcindia.com and can be accessed by clicking the link Custom Notification;

5. Q: How can I get details of Export Authorisation Registration Certificate / Application form?

Ans : The Notification issued by DGFT, Ministry of Commerce regarding registration of cotton export contract prior to shipment in respect of raw cotton, cotton waste and cotton, carded or combed is available on website www.txcindia.com and can be accessed by clicking the link Export Authorisation Registration

Certificate/Application form. It also contained the Press Note and Memorandum issued by the Textile Commissioner indicating the procedure for submission of application and terms and conditions for issuance of Export Authorisation Registration Certificate(EARC);

6. Q : What details are contained in Registration of Export Shipment?

Ans : It contains month-wise details of quantity registered for export and shipment made thereof in respect of raw cotton and cotton waste and is available on website www.txcindia.com and can be accessed by clicking the link Reg. of Export Shipment.

7. Q : What is Organic Cotton ?

Ans : Cotton grown without the use of any synthetically compounded chemicals (i.e. pesticides, fertilizers, defoliants, etc.) is considered "*organic cotton*".

8. Q : Who are major international producers of Organic Cotton ?

Ans : Turkey, India, USA and China are major producers of Organic Cotton in India.

9. Q : Which are major markets of Organic Cotton ?

Ans : Germany,Switzerland,UK,Sweden,,USA and Japan are major markets of Organic Cotton in the world.

10. Q : What is the production of Organic Cotton in world and India?

Ans : During the year 2007-08 the production of Organic Cotton was 224643 metric tone in the world, while it was 35000 metric tone in India.

11. Q : What is OCAB ?

Ans : OCAB is newly constituted Organic Cotton Advisory Board. OCAB has been constituted vide notification : No.1/19/2008-CT-II dated 14-10-2008 comprising 35 members who are representatives from various stakeholders engaged in the promotion of organic cotton. The chairman of the OCAB is the Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India.

12. Q : What are the terms and references of the OCAB ?

Ans : The terms and references of OCAB are given below

- a. To assess the feasibility for data collection;
- b. Framing of regulation for certification of organic cotton in India;
- c. To evolve the guidelines for the basis of certification, delineation / identification of production areas and varieties suitable for organic farming and
- d. Recommend subsidy for production practices to be followed for cultivation of organic cotton under Mini-Mission II of the TMC/ICDP

13. Q : What are pre-requisites for Organic Cotton Farming ?

Ans : Pre-requisites for Organic Cotton Farming are given below

- a. Synthetic Fertilizers like Urea, DAP, NPK cannot be used;
- b. Synthetics Pesticides like herbicides, insecticides, fungicides etc are not to be used;
- c. Prevent spray drift from the surrounding fields –used border framing;
- d. No use of genetically modified Organism such as B_t cotton;
- e. Crop rotation is a must –No repeat crop in the same field for 2 subsequent years and or intercropping;
- f. Proper maintenance of records and documents for certification

14. Q : What are the factors limiting the expansion of Organic Cotton ?

Ans : The factors limiting the expansion of Organic Cotton are given below:

- a. Suitable varieties;
- b. Fertilizer use;
- c. Pest control;
- d. Production Technology;
- e. Lack of information on cost of production;
- f. Price Premium;
- g. Need for Alternate inputs;
- h. Tied crop Rotation;
- i. Non-organic Genetically Engineering Cotton;
- j. Certification

15. Q : Which are the international organisations working in India to promote Organic Cotton ?

Ans : The international organisations working in India to promote Organic Cotton are:

- a. Organic Exchange, USA
- b. International Organisation for Development Co-operation (IODC), France
- c. Martin Fabert Foundation
- d. Shell Foundation, U.K.
- e. C & A, Europe