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Cotton Market (03.03.2017)

Spot Price (Ex. Gin), 28.50-29 mm

Rs./Bale	Rs./Candy	USD Cent/lb
20294	42450	81.01

Domestic Futures Price (Ex. Gin), March

Rs./Bale	Rs./Candy	USD Cent/lb
21270	44492	84.90

International Futures Price

NY ICE USD Cents/lb (March 2017)	75.69
ZCE Cotton: Yuan/MT (May 2017)	16,410
ZCE Cotton: USD Cents/lb	88.37
Cotlook A Index - Physical	85.25

Cotton & currency guide:

One of the biggest gains noticed on Thursday in the cotton price across the globe. The ICE May future advanced sharply to 79.18 cents per pound. The gain was predominantly observed post the US released its export sales data which stood at 481K+ bales for the year 2016-2017 of upland cotton. However, thereafter market faced stiff resistance corrected from intraday high to settle at 76.78. If we look at the market the cotton price corrected sharply from its intraday high while ended the session on a positive tone. Market is categorically volatile while holding onto the bullish scenario.

The effect was clearly visible on the domestic market as well during Thursday's trading session. Shankar-6 cotton traded positive to end the session higher at Rs. 43,150 up by Rs. 400 from the previous close for ex-gin. At the parity with FX rate the equivalent price was around 82.45 cents per pound. However the future advanced further. The March future ended the session higher at Rs. 21270 up by Rs. 380 from the previous close while made an intraday high of Rs. 21,400 levels.

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From the supply front nationwide, daily seed cotton arrivals were estimated at 176,000 lint equivalent bales, including 48,000 from Gujarat and 67,000 from Maharashtra. This is slightly lower than the previous day's data.

In our yesterday's report we had discussed about the possible divergence between domestic and global cotton price however, with the heavy momentum running in the latter had pushed the former price higher. The broad based buying and speculative interest is keeping the counter on a firm note driving the domestic price higher.

This morning ICE cotton for the mentioned contract is trading at 76.78 cents almost unchanged from the previous close. We believe on today's trading session market may witness more price correction. The price band for the day would be 76 cents to 77.30 cents per pound. Likewise, at the domestic front the counter may initially trade positive with higher spot price however a round of selling may be witnessed from higher levels.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Vietnam's Soaring Cotton Imports Reflect a Growing Textile Sector

The demand of raw cotton in Vietnam's textile and apparel industry has had a significant growth over the last six years in a row. After a little slowdown on its pace in late 2015-16, the growth of Vietnam's cotton imports have once again started to soar over the last six months. The recent surge of cotton imports also reflects that Vietnam's spinning and apparel manufacturing sector is still booming with momentum.

Vietnam is currently ranked among the world's top five textile and apparel exporting countries. Its robust growth rate of textile and apparel exports also means that the country needs more raw material, especially raw cotton, to cater its mass production. Vietnam's cotton consumption has been increasing at an average 22% year on year for the last five years. Domestic cotton consumption for 2014-15 totaled 935,900 tonnes, equivalent to 4.29 million bales, representing 35% growth in quantity from the previous year.

Vietnam's spinning industry is expected to consume a volume of 1.17 million tonnes or 5.37 million bales of raw cotton in the 2015-2016, up by 25% from previous year. According to the latest prediction from The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Vietnam's cotton imports are likely to reach 5 million bales in the 2016-17 financial year, while the US will be one of the biggest beneficiaries, as cotton imported from the US has made up around 40% of Vietnam's total cotton imports over the past few years.

The USDA also suggested that much of Vietnam's growth in cotton product exports has been driven by declines in cotton spinning in China. China's now-ended cotton price support program requires that the state reserve purchase large amounts of cotton, which drove up cotton prices in China relative to global levels.

With the implementation of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement, cotton yarn produced in Vietnam has duty free access to China, versus a 40 percent above-quota duty on raw cotton imported into China. Many Chinese-owned mills have relocated to Vietnam from China, spinning the

same yarn using the same (mostly U.S.) cotton, then shipping the yarn back to China for the next stage in the value chain.

Today, Vietnam is home to over 100 spinning mills with an estimated capacity of over 900,000 tonnes of cotton-based and man-made yarns. Up to two thirds of Vietnam's cotton imports are spun in foreign-owned mills, with much of it exported to China. The exports of cotton yarn from Vietnam to China are further expected to increase in the future as the Chinese companies in Vietnam are expanding their manufacturing capacities progressively. Industry experts estimate that new and existing spinning projects being registered in 2015 will raise the number of spindles in Vietnam from 6.3 million in 2014-2015 to 8.2 million in 2016-2017.

Vietnam's textile and apparel exports will be expected to have even bigger growth in the near future, thanks to several free trade agreements, such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Free Trade Agreement with the EU, ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement and the Vietnam-Korea Free Trade Agreement. This also means that Vietnam will remain as one of the fastest growing cotton importing countries.

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US reviews Cotton Research and Promotion Act

The US Government is carrying out a required five-year review of the Cotton Research and Promotion Act (Act) Amendments of 1990 to determine whether a referendum is needed on the continuation of these amendments. The government has invited comments from producers, importers and others interested to take a final decision, expected later in 2017.

The review is being carried out by the US Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service or AMS. In the referendum, producers and importers would determine whether they favour continuation of the amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order or not.

Under the Cotton Research and Promotion Act, it is the Cotton Board which administers the national promotion and research programme to maintain and expand markets for upland cotton. AMS monitors the operations of the cotton research and promotion programme.

The department will accept comments on the matter till April 28, 2017.

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Strong demand pushes up cotton prices in Pakistan

Strong demand for quality lint, rising prices in global markets and short supply of quality cotton led to a rise in cotton price in Pakistani markets on Thursday, local media reported. The Karachi Cotton Association raised its spot rates by Rs 50 to Rs 6,700 per maund (37.3242 kg) and Rs 7,180 for 40 kg. Trading was normal at the Karachi Cotton Exchange.

Transactions on the Karachi Cotton Exchange included more than 4,300 bales in the range of Rs 6,800 to Rs 7,000 per maund from Bahawalnagar, Khanpur and Sadiqabad, the reports said.

Some millers went on a buying spree due to limited stocks with ginneries and little hope of more seed cotton (phutti) arrivals. Some leading spinners purchased in bulk, while led to increase in spot rates. The Ex-Karachi rates also increased to Rs 6,835 per maund and Rs 7,325 for 40 kg.

New York cotton closed 1.5 cents higher. Prices also increased in Indian and Chinese cotton markets.

Meanwhile, cotton sowing has begun in lower Sindh, while it is yet to start in Punjab province where sowing normally takes place in mid-April.

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Pakistan, Turkey to ink Free Trade Agreement in May

ISLAMABAD: Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Pakistan and Turkey to be signed in the month of May 2017, which would enhance bilateral trade between the two countries.

Both sides would share provisional list for reaching the final agreement for FTA in coming round of dialogue.

Both of the countries would hold discussions on agreement on goods, services and investment.

Pakistan's trade balance started decreasing at annual rate of 19 percent after additional duties imposed by Turkey in 2011, said a senior official from Ministry of Commerce, talking to APP here.

The official said that Pakistan will get market space in agriculture and pharmaceutical sectors.

The official further said that Pakistan's major exports to Turkey are denim PET, ethanol, Cotton yarn, fabric, rice, garments, leather, carpets, surgical instruments, sports good, chemicals.

Pakistan's major imports from Turkey are manmade textiles, towels, steel structure, tanning and plastic chemicals, processed milk and whey, the official said.

Replying to a question, the Commerce Ministry official said that additional tariff imposed by Turkey in 2011 have a targeted impact on Pakistan's major exports, adding that Turkey levied additional duty on 1880 products and Pakistan did the same in response.

This constitutes 17 percent on Turkish imports into Pakistan.

The official further said that after the signing of new FTA with Turkey both the countries will have again the same positive trade balance."

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IWTO releases LCA guidelines for wool textiles



The International Wool Textile Organisation (IWTO) has released guidelines for conducting life cycle assessment (LCA) for wool textiles. Designed for the use by LCA practitioners, these guidelines will provide an understanding of environmental impacts across the wool supply chain. With this, IWTO has taken a step for sustainable

future for the wool industry.

"This is a small but specific audience, but important in promoting a consistent, best practice procedure to conducting wool LCAs," said Angus Ireland, deputy chair of IWTO's Sustainable Practices Working Group, which oversaw the production of the guidelines. Ireland further added, "These guidelines will be relevant to any organisation undertaking an LCA of wool products."

The most commonly used tool for assessing a product's effect on the environment, LCA models the use of resources and emissions to air, land or water that occur from production, processing and manufacturing of products, the use of these products and their end-of-life recycling or disposal.

Like all models, LCA is a simplification of the world, and while the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) sets out a structure for the four main phases of a LCA study, without further specific guidance different LCA practitioners may get very different results for the same product. In order to reduce these inconsistencies, specific guidelines have been developed for many product types –and now, for wool textiles.

"Providing these guidelines to LCA researchers, the aim is to create a step change improvement in the application of LCA to wool supply chains," explained Stephen Wiedemann, chair of IWTO's LCA Technical Advisory Group. "This method will improve the scientific veracity and comparability of studies that apply it, providing better information to decision makers and consumers of wool products."

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ACIMIT members to participate in INDEX 2017 expo

The Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers (ACIMIT), a private body promoting Italian textile machinery, has announced that its member companies involved in the production of machines for nonwovens are set to participate in INDEX 2017, a leading nonwovens exhibition, from April 4, to 7, 2017, in Geneva, Switzerland, in booth 4145.

INDEX is the main trade show for the nonwovens sector. For many Italian textile machinery companies involved in nonwovens sector, the show is usually an occasion to show the most updated technology for nonwovens sector to potential customers.

At INDEX 2017, for the first time, ACIMIT and ICE-Italian Trade Agency have organised a meeting point, where 6 Italian machinery manufacturers involved in the production of machines for nonwovens will show their innovative solutions. Among these companies ACIMIT members are Aigle, Durst, Testa, Ugolini, and Unitech.

In recent years nonwovens sector has grown on a global scale, much more significantly than the traditional textile industry. The demand for nonwovens items in many end-markets has thus boosted production of technologies, characterised by a high level of innovative content in both end products and production processes. The increased demand for innovative solutions is precisely what enhances the role of Italian textile machinery manufacturers.

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Dhaka Apparel Summit this time focused on sustainable RMG industry

The Dhaka Apparel Summit to aid the development of textile and apparel industry in Bangladesh took place as planned on 25th February 2017 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Sonargaon in the Bangladeshi capital. This year's edition again brought together hundreds of attendees and dozens of speakers, among them the world's leading experts in their field.

This year's topic was all about establishing a more sustainable apparel supply chain with the specific aim of creating a better future together. Thus, three panel discussions, titled "Business policy & environment: towards a better Bangladesh", "Collaborative and responsible sourcing for sustainable growth" and "Bangladesh apparel industry: transformation and the road ahead" offered an inter-active approach and the opportunity for a valid exchange of ideas.

Speaking of a better Bangladesh, Shwapna Bhowmick, country head, Marks & Spencer Bangladesh & Myanmar, pointed to the importance of a true partnership between buyers and manufacturers and lauded the support Marks & Spencer has been getting from its suppliers in Bangladesh, its largest sourcing country, whenever the company has been wanting to push the boundaries. This has led to product diversification from swim shorts to denims, a capacity expansion and shorter lead times. Where M&S ordered simple products like basic polo shirts and denims in the beginning, it has now moved up to value-added products like dresses and tailored suit jackets.

Bhowmick also mentioned the true partnership with the workers who are very young, enthusiastic and keen to learn, which is why, in her opinion, business grew in Bangladesh.

Christopher Woodruff, professor of development economics at the University of Oxford, brought up the interesting point that Bangladesh's main competition is not other RMG-producing countries like India and Vietnam but its own booming sector, which is competing for talent. Woodruff said that workers have other opportunities now, hence the sector needs to compete for that talent. Among the solutions he gave were moving women into management roles, better training of the workforce and lower and mid-level managers and competitive wages.

Speaking about Canada's involvement with Bangladesh's RMG sector and the fact that Bangladesh is the second largest source of Canadian merchandise imports in South Asia, Robert Mc Dougall, executive director for South Asia global affairs of the government of Canada, stressed the fact that buyers want assurances about issues such as environment, gender, labour rights and worker health. He emphasized that Canadian buyers want products that meet the demands of their customers and do not tarnish their labels with bad publicity overseas. Buyers also want assurances that their markets and their major sources of goods are stable and dependable.

Many speakers referred to the recent events in Ashulia and worker relations in Bangladesh. In December, Bangladesh took a giant disappointing step back on labour rights. ... Ashulia has damaged Bangladesh's image and reputation as a reliable source for garments, said Marcia Bernicat, US ambassador to Bangladesh.

Thomas Klausen, CEO of Dansk Fashion & Textile, sees vocational and soft skill training as the need of the hour, together with trust and collaboration. He also cautioned against racing for cheap goods, which Bangladesh is currently doing, because of the risk of stagnation. Suppliers and buyers need to change the race to the bottom. Bangladesh should seize the opportunities from existing initiatives. It is already ahead in competing markets and can take a front row in sustainability. Klausen also pointed to the fact that working with business-driven CSR will often lead to savings.

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US Upland cotton price for week beginning March 3

The US Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation has announced the adjusted world price (AWP) for Strict Low Middling (SLM) 1-1/16 inch upland cotton (base quality), adjusted to US quality and location that will be in effect from 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, March 3, 2017, through midnight, Eastern Time, Thursday, March 9, 2017.

The AWP for Strict Low Middling (SLM) 1-1/16 inch (leaf grade 4, micronaire 3.5-3.6 and 4.3-4.9, strength 26.0-28.9 grams per tex, length uniformity of 80.0-81.9 percent) upland cotton (base quality), has been adjusted to US quality and location, the fine count adjustment (FCA), the coarse count adjustment (CCA), and the loan deficiency payment (LDP) rate as given below:

	Cents/lb.
Adjusted World Price (AWP)	66.59
Fine Count Adjustment (FCA) 2015 Crop	0.09
Fine Count Adjustment (FCA) 2016 Crop	0.19
Coarse Count Adjustment (CCA)	0.00
Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Rate	0.00

Because the AWP for the period exceeds 52.00 cents per pound, which is the base quality loan rate, the loan repayment rate during this period is equal to the loan rate, adjusted for the specific quality plus applicable interest and storage charges.

The next announcement of the AWP, FCA, CCA, and LDP rate for upland cotton will be on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

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Substantial Growth Forecast for India's Textile and Clothing Industry

The Indian textile and clothing industry is set to grow substantially in the coming years, according to a report in the latest issue of Textile Outlook International from the business information company Textiles Intelligence.

Growth will be driven by strong expansion of the domestic market as well as higher exports, aided by government incentives and support policies.

In June 2016 the Indian government announced a special package of measures for the textile and clothing industry under the heading of the New National Textile Policy with the aim of securing a substantial increase in exports by 2024/25 and generating 35 million new jobs, most of which would be taken by females.

Twenty-one months earlier, the government launched the "Make in India" initiative with the aim of transforming the country into a global manufacturing hub with the support of foreign manufacturers.

Such policies have provided considerable impetus behind foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to the extent that India became the world's leading recipient of FDI in 2015 — ahead even of China and the United States. And, looking ahead, there are still opportunities for the textile and clothing industry to attract much more foreign investment.

In addition to government policies, foreign investors have been attracted by a number of other benefits — not least India's sizeable and fast growing domestic market.

The value of India's domestic market for textiles and clothing is forecast to reach \$314 billion in 2025 — representing average growth of 14 percent per annum over a 12-year period — as a result of rising prosperity and a continuously growing population.

India has a population of 1.28 billion and a fast growing economy, and is benefiting from a retail boom. The latter can be attributed to the country's fast expanding middle class, a large proportion of young consumers, and significant increases in personal disposable incomes.

Not surprisingly, there is growing interest among foreign manufacturers and retailers in establishing a presence in the Indian domestic market. In fact, a number of foreign businesses with high profile brands — including Aéropostale, Gap, H&M and Massimo Dutti — have entered the Indian market in recent years.

Also, global upmarket and luxury brands are looking to use the country as a base for manufacturing and supplying worldwide markets as well as supplying high income and middle income consumers in India itself. Admittedly, 90 percent of India's retail market continues to be dominated by unorganized trade. But the market is evolving rapidly and, according to Textiles Intelligence, organized retail outlets will expand strongly in line with the surge of Indian middle-class consumers who tend to develop stronger brand loyalty and are more able and willing to spend on better quality goods.

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Indian hand-made textile products exhibition to be held in Ethiopia



The Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) of India is organizing an exclusive exhibition for hand-made textile products of Indian artisan dubbed as **INTEXPO Ethiopia** at Lalibella Hall of Sheraton Addis for two days, 6th and 7th March of 2017.

According to a presser the Indian Embassy in Addis Ababa sent to Walta Information Center, the exhibition is part of Indian government Export Promotion Program for the year 2016-17.

This event is being organized with the support of the Embassy of India in Addis Ababa, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Textiles of India, local traders and Ethiopian Government wings such as the Ethiopian Investment Commission, Ethiopian Textile Industry Development Institute, Chamber of Commerce and Sectorial Associations, and Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce and Sectorial Associations.

Among the expected list of attendees are Ethiopian Minister of Industry, Ahmed Abitew, Commissioner of Ethiopian Investment Commission, H.E. Mr. Fitsum Arega, and team of experts from the commission will make a presentation about the investment opportunities in Ethiopia particularly in relation to the textile and garment sector of the country.

Exhibitors are expected to display a wide range of hand-made textile products including yarn, dress material fabric, suiting, shirting, made-ups and accessories.

The event provides opportunity for importers, buyers and agents in Ethiopia to source their requirements in different product categories that represent the Indian textile craftsmanship.

The event also has scheduled B2B meeting in order to present a unique opportunity for building long term and mutually beneficial relationships between Indian exporters and Ethiopian importers.

The average share of hand-made textile products represent around 10 percent of the Indian textile and garment industry products.

According to the embassy, there is a substantial scope to increase Indian exports to Ethiopia since the infrastructure and expertise for manufacturing hand-made and blended textiles is presently not available in Ethiopia.

The Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) plays crucial role in helping overseas buyers to firm up enduring and profitable business relationship with Indian exporters of synthetic and rayon textile items, noted the embassy.

The Council will continue to support and guide the buyers and importers in Ethiopia in the coming years to strengthen the trade relations between the stakeholders in both countries, it said.

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'Sangam India will be major beneficiary of GST'

Cotton and man-made fibres are subject to 4-5 per cent state VAT, which will be subsumed by the Goods and Services Tax (GST), resulting in Sangam India being a major beneficiary of the impending bill. The man-made textiles segment that has a 12 per cent excise duty expects a level-playing field with respect to cotton textiles that attract no duty, with GST.

"The duty disparity has distorted the domestic consumption pattern in favour of the cotton fibre, contrary to global trends. Man-made fibre-based products (with GST) will be more competitive vis-a-vis textiles items made of cotton fibres. This will be a good policy push, in sync with the global realities," Pranal Modani, chief of business development and director of Sangam Lifestyle Ventures Ltd, told Fibre2Fashion in an exclusive interview.

Regarding foreign direct investment in the textile sector, Modani said, "The textile industry has always been open to the idea of 100 per cent FDI in the textile and apparel industry as it will only help the industry. Retail FDI is sure to magnetise brands with a long-term foray into the Indian market. As smart and acceptable prices make consumers happy, it will also help maintain a balance between buyers and sellers, while also encouraging manufacturing capabilities."

Modani added that the textiles package announced by the government last year has given a special boost to the sector with an expectation of attracting more investments and enhancing exports.

The company that produces leisurewear, activewear and intimatewear, and develops new exclusive chain of stores under C9 brand name, carried out a survey before entering the Indian market.

"According to sources, the Indian retail market looks very promising and is estimated to be \$600 billion and one of the top five retail markets in the

world by economic value. India is one of the fastest growing retail markets in the world, with 1.2 billion people," added Modani.

He agrees that the Indian market in the aforementioned three categories is very crowded with a number of big names. However, the retail industry in the country is growing and brands are looking at better options to reach out to the customer, noted Modani.

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Over 700 MBOs attend AMI's trade show in Chennai



More than 700 multi-brand outlets (MBO) and retail chain stores attended the 10th edition of a trade fair organised by the Apparel Manufacturers of India (AMI) in Chennai. About 111 brands participated in the event to showcase their upcoming spring summer 2017 collections. Visiting retailers placed orders worth more

than Rs 500 million at the show.

The trade fair by AMI, a group of leading apparel manufacturers and traders, was a three-day event that took place in the presence of leading manufacturers and traders of readymade and unstitched garments of men, women and kids.

"We are very glad with the response we have received at our fair this time in Chennai. We had nearly 700 MBOs and retail chain stores attending our event and discussing the industry growth trends. We look forward to organise a garment conclave at a much higher scale and take the trade fairs across different cities. We want AMI to be a platform where members act as catalyst for each other's growth," said Nikhil Furia, key organiser, AMI.

Retailers like T Natarajan of Ram Silks, Pondicherry; the purchase team of Pothys; L Raveendran of S Nallaperumel & Sons, Nagercoil; Prabhuram, purchase head of Arrs Silks, Salem; Sudhakar from Hi Style; Ram, the sole buying agent for Sarvana Stores; Das of Nalli Silks and purchase manager of RMKV were present at the event, said the organiser in a press release.

AMI has already conducted 9 fairs in Kochi, Chennai and Hyderabad and for its 10th fair, it reached out to more than 3500 retailers, MBO's and chain stores across Tamil Nadu.

The association kicked off their first exhibition in January 2015 with the aim of bridging the gap between retailers, agents and suppliers. Its core purpose is 'to grow together' and build a strong network for mutual growth and it believes that entrepreneurs can easily make their dreams a reality if each one helped other, enough to achieve their goals.

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Whitefly supporting weeds to be destroyed before cotton sowing

BATHINDA: To save the cotton crop from whitefly attack, Punjab agriculture department has started efforts to save cotton crop from the whitefly attack in the coming sowing season. The agriculture department has decided to start campaign to destroy weeds by involving a score of government departments.

Meetings for active involvement of various departments have started taking place at cotton growing districts. One such meeting was held at Bathinda on Thursday where Deputy Commissioner Bathinda Ghanshyam Thori discussed the course of action for the weed removal campaign. He said that all departments have been deputed to destroy weeds in respective areas till March 31, 2017 and will submit their weekly report to the Chief Agriculture Office, Bathinda.

Chief Agriculture Officer Jagtar Singh Brar said that "last year 80,000 hectares of land was under cotton cultivation in district, while this year the figure is expected to reach 1,40,000 hectares". He said that in 2015 the whitefly attack resulted in production of 190 kg cotton per hectare, which soared to 820 kg per hectare in 2016 and in the coming cotton season we want it to further rise to 850 kg per hectare.

He added that before cotton seed sowing, the weeds like Congress Grass, putth kanda, cannabis, dhatura are to be destroyed. The government departments including PWD B&R, forest, water supply and sanitation, irrigation, drainage, education, horticulture, dairy development, food and civil supplies, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, mandi board, fishery, animal husbandry, public health department, have been directed to destroy weeds in their areas.

This year too under the cotton scheme, the agriculture department has deputed one scout each for two villages and one field supervisor each for 20 villages that will take the cotton technical know-how at village level. Agriculture department will provide seeds related information by the mid of March and from April onwards will provide information about use of pesticides and sprays.

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