

# URJA Project: Transforming Cotton Stalk Waste into Bioenergy, Biochar, and Carbon Credits

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Cottonguru Textiles LLP, recognised as the 2024 recipient of the Envirocare Green Awards for Best Company Working for Climate Change and Environment, has embarked on an innovative venture aimed at addressing climate change, improving the livelihoods of tribal women and smallholder farmers, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. The URJA Project, an initiative spearheaded by Cottonguru MahaFPO Federation, has set its sights on converting cotton stalks, a commonly burned agricultural residue, into valuable bioenergy products, biochar and carbon credits.

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# The Problem: Health and Environmental Hazards

Maharashtra, particularly the Yavatmal district, has witnessed rampant burning of agricultural residue, especially cotton stalks. This practice, often resorted to due to the lack of viable alternatives for waste disposal, is responsible for 27% of all unused agricultural residue burned in India. The environmental impact is severe, leading to high levels of air pollution, which contributes to a wide array of health problems, particularly among tribal women.



These women often use biomass (like wood) for cooking, which exposes them to harmful smoke and particulate matter. According to reports from BMC Public Health Medicine and Seth GS Medical College, symptoms such as asthma, chronic respiratory issues, dry cough, and eye irritation are rampant. In fact, women who rely on traditional biomass fuels for cooking are 2.5 times more likely to suffer from these conditions compared to those using cleaner alternatives like LPG.

# The Solution: Converting Cotton Stalks to Bioenergy

Cottonguru's URJA Project has introduced a groundbreaking solution: converting cotton stalks into pellets and biochar. This solution not only tackles the environmental issue of burning agricultural waste, but also brings health and economic benefits to tribal communities.

The project provides pellet-based cooking systems that dramatically reduce indoor air pollution, cutting smoke exposure by 90%. This shift in energy source is also highly costeffective, with pellets being 50% cheaper than LPG, providing year-long storage, and leading to a significant reduction in fuel costs for these communities.

Moreover, the environmental benefits are evident. Through the use of biochar, farmers

have experienced a 20% improvement in cotton yields, with a 10% reduction in fertilizer use and a 15% reduction in water consumption. These advancements are crucial for promoting climate resilience in an agricultural landscape increasingly threatened by extreme heat and water scarcity.

#### **Empowering Tribal Women and Farmers**

The URJA Project is not just about environmental innovation—it is a social impact initiative that directly empowers tribal women and smallholder farmers. By integrating women into the production process, the project creates employment opportunities while providing a reliable source of income.

Approximately 1,000 tribal women in the Yavatmal region are engaged in the production and distribution of pellets and biochar, benefiting both from direct employment and from the sale of these products. On average, tribal women earn an additional ₹1,500 annually through their involvement in this initiative. For farmers, the financial rewards are even more significant, with an average annual income increase of ₹14,300 due to improved crop yields and the sale of carbon credits.

The project's innovative approach includes utilising mobile pelletiser units, making production more accessible even for distant farms. Additionally, through the sale of biochar to smallholder farmers and the subsequent generation of carbon credits, the majority of the proceeds from carbon credit sales are returned to the tribal women and farmers, further incentivising participation and ensuring longterm sustainability.

# A Circular Economy: Biochar, Carbon Credits, and Beyond

Biochar, a key byproduct of the cotton stalk pelletisation process, holds enormous potential beyond its use as a fertilizer. Produced through a process that locks carbon in a stable form, biochar is eligible for carbon credits under voluntary removal schemes. Large multinational corporations seeking to offset their carbon emissions have shown increasing interest in purchasing these credits, unlocking further economic value for participants in the URJA Project.

The biochar produced is not only used to enrich soil but also has applications in various industrial sectors, including as a bio-filler in lithium-ion batteries. By creating multiple revenue streams—through the sale of pellets, biochar, and carbon credits—the URJA Project has demonstrated a highly profitable and scalable business model.

# **Case Study: Tribal Women Empowerment**

One of the most inspiring aspects of the URJA Project is its impact on tribal women in Yavatmal. Traditionally marginalised and with limited access to economic opportunities, these women now play a critical role in the production, packaging and sale of biochar and pellets. The establishment of a marketing network of over 50 tribal women, known as Krishi-Sakhi, allows for the distribution of products through farmer producer organisations (FPOs), significantly expanding the project's reach and creating a self-sustaining supply chain.

In addition to providing financial independence, the project has improved the health and well-being of these women by reducing their exposure to smoke and pollutants. The time saved from collecting biomass, an estimated three hours per week, can now be invested in more productive activities, further enhancing their quality of life.

#### **Business Opportunities and Social Impact**

Cottonguru Textiles, through its URJA Project, has created a win-win situation for both the environment and the community. The economic potential of this project is vast, with projections suggesting that by 2027, over 3.75 million smallholder farmers and 1,000 tribal women will have benefited from the project's initiatives.

The business model is rooted in sustainability, offering a 33% cost advantage over traditional LPG while simultaneously contributing to carbon removal through biochar. By 2027, the project aims to save up to ₹7,000 annually for participating farmers through reduced input costs and enhanced yields. This translates into a cumulative economic impact of ₹185 crore for smallholder farmers in Maharashtra, driven by the combined benefits of higher crop productivity, reduced fertilizer usage and additional revenue from carbon credits.

### A Vision for the Future

The success of the URJA Project is a testament to the power of social innovation and environmental sustainability. By addressing the dual challenges of climate change and poverty, Cottonguru Textiles has positioned itself as a leader in the field of bioenergy, biochar, and carbon credits.

As the recipient of the 2024 Envirocare Green Awards for Best Company Working for Climate Change and Environment, Cottonguru Textiles has not only demonstrated its commitment to environmental stewardship but has also provided a replicable model for other regions and industries to follow. The integration of technology, community engagement, and sustainable business practices has created a scalable solution that holds promise for improving livelihoods, fostering environmental resilience, and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

With its continued focus on innovation, Cottonguru Textiles is poised to expand the reach of the URJA Project, bringing its benefits to even more communities across India and beyond. As climate challenges intensify, solutions like the URJA Project will play an increasingly critical role in building a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

(The views expressed in this column are of the author and not that of Cotton Association of India)

# CAI Increases its Cotton Pressing Estimate for 2023-24 Cotton Season to 323.02 Lakh Bales

Cotton Association of India (CAI) has released its August estimate of the cotton pressing numbers for 2023-24 season, which began on 1st October 2023. Based on input received from the members of 11 cotton growing state associations and other trade sources, CAI has estimated its cotton pressing figures for 2023-24 season at 323.02 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 338.97 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The State-wise break-up of the Cotton pressing numbers as well as Balance Sheet for the season with the corresponding data for the previous crop year are given below.

The total cotton supply till end of August 2024 is estimated at 362.18 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 380.07 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) which consists of the pressings of 319.08 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 334.84 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each), imports of 14.20 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 14.90 lakh running bales of 162 kgs.

each) and the opening stock estimated by the CAI at 28.90 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 30.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) at the beginning of the season.

Further, the CAI has estimated cotton consumption upto the end of August 2024 at 291.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 305.37 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) while the export shipments upto 31st August 2024 are estimated by the CAI at 27 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 28.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). Stock at the end of August 2024 is estimated at 44.18 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 46.36 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) including 26.25 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 27.55 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) with textile mills which is over 30 days consumption and the remaining 17.93 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 18.82 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) with CCI, Maharashtra Federation and others (MNCs,

(in lakh bales of 170 kg.)

|                    |                                    | Indian Cotton pr                | Pressed Cotton Bales<br>as on 31st August 2024 |                                 |                                    |                                 |  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| State              | 202                                | 3-24                            | 202  | 2-23                            | 2023-24                            |                                 |  |
|                    | In running b/s<br>of 162 Kgs. each | In lakh b/s<br>of 170 Kgs. each | In running b/s<br>of 162 Kgs. each             | In lakh b/s<br>of 170 Kgs. each | In running b/s<br>of 162 Kgs. each | In lakh b/s<br>of 170 Kgs. each |  |
| Punjab             | 3.94                               | 3.75                            | 2.89   | 2.75                            | 3.83                               | 3.65                            |  |
| Haryana            | 14.17                              | 13.50                           | 11.54  | 11.00                           | 13.80                              | 13.15                           |  |
| Upper Rajasthan    | 16.27                              | 15.50                           | 18.89  | 18.00                           | 16.23                              | 15.47                           |  |
| Lower Rajasthan    | 13.90                              | 13.25                           | 11.81  | 11.25                           | 13.85                              | 13.20                           |  |
| Total North Zone   | 48.27                              | 46.00                           | 45.12  | 43.00                           | 47.72                              | 45.47                           |  |
| Gujarat            | 94.44                              | 90.00                           | 99.07  | 94.41                           | 93.89                              | 89.47                           |  |
| Maharashtra        | 94.44                              | 90.00                           | 84.70  | 80.71                           | 93.72                              | 89.31                           |  |
| Madhya Pradesh     | Madhya Pradesh 19.41               |                                 | 20.46  | 19.50                           | 19.26                              | 18.35                           |  |
| Total Central Zone | 208.30                             | 198.50                          | 204.23   | 194.62                          | 206.86                             | 197.13                          |  |
| Telangana          | 36.73                              | 35.00                           | 32.01  | 30.50                           | 36.45                              | 34.73                           |  |
| Andhra Pradesh     | 13.64                              | 13.00                           | 17.21  | 16.40                           | 12.85                              | 12.25                           |  |
| Karnataka          | 21.51                              | 20.50                           | 23.61 22.50                                    |                                 | 21.15                              | 20.15                           |  |
| Tamil Nadu         | 4.46                               | 4.25                            | 5.72   | 5.45                            | 3.83                               | 3.65                            |  |
| Total South Zone   | 76.34                              | 72.75                           | 78.55  | 74.85                           | 74.28                              | 70.78                           |  |
| Orissa             | 3.96                               | 3.96 3.77                       |  | 3.43                            | 3.88                               | 3.70                            |  |
| Others             | 2.10                               | 2.00                            | 3.15 3.00                                      |                                 | 2.10                               | 2.00                            |  |
| Total              | 338.97                             | 323.02                          | 334.65   | 318.90                          | 334.84                             | 319.08                          |  |

\* Including loose

MCX, traders, ginners, etc.) including cotton sold but not delivered.

The CAI has estimated its total cotton supply till end of the cotton season 2023-24 (i.e. upto 30th September 2024) at 368.32 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 386.51 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The total cotton supply consists of the opening stock of 28.90 lakh bales (equivalent to 30.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) at the beginning of 2023-24 season on 1st October 2023, cotton pressing numbers estimated for the season at 323.02 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 338.97 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) and imports for the season estimated at the same level i.e. 16.40 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 17.21 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

The CAI has increased its estimate of cotton pressing for 2023-24 season to 323.02 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 338.97 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) from its previous estimate of 317.70 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 333.39 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The changes made in the state-wise cotton pressing estimates compared to those estimated previously are given below: -

State Increase (+) / Decrease (-) Haryana +0.25Lower Rajasthan -0.25 Gujarat +2.00Maharashtra +3.50Andhra Pradesh +0.50Karnataka +0.50Tamil Nadu -1.25 Orissa +0.07TOTAL +5.32

(in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

Our estimated pressing numbers for 2023-24 crop year has gone up by 28 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each i.e. from 295 lakh bales estimated in October 2023 to 323 lakh bales estimated now in September 2024.

This increase of 28 lakh bales in our pressing estimate is on account of carry-forward stock of kapas by farmers from the previous cotton season 2022-23 which we have miss-calculated. This carried forward stock from previous season has been added to the pressing numbers of current crop year.

The domestic consumption estimated by the CAI is the same as estimated previously i.e. 317 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 332.65 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The exports for the season 2023-24 estimated by the CAI are 28.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 29.38 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) as against 15.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 16.27 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated for 2022-23 season.

## Salient Features of the CAI Crop Committee Meeting held on 11th September 2024

The Crop Committee of the Cotton Association of India (CAI) held its meeting on Wednesday, the 11th September 2024 virtually, which was attended by 20 members representing various cotton growing regions of the country. Based on the input given by the representatives of each state association, the CAI Crop Committee has estimated total cotton pressing numbers for 2023-24 season and has also drawn cotton balance sheet for 2023-24 season.

The following are the salient features of the CAI crop report: -

## 1. Consumption

The CAI has maintained cotton consumption for 2023-24 season at 317 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 332.65 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) i.e. same as estimated previously.

Upto 31st August 2024, the consumption is estimated at 291.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 305.37 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

#### 2. Cotton Pressing

As per the crop report submitted by upcountry associations and trade sources at the meeting of the CAI Crop Committee, the Committee has estimated its cotton pressing figures at 323.02 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 338.97 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each).

The Committee members will have a close watch on the pressing numbers of cotton in the month of September 2024 and if any addition or reduction is required to be made in the pressing numbers, the same will be made in the CAI report.

## 3. Imports

The estimates of cotton imports into India during 2023-24 season are also maintained at the same level as estimated earlier i.e. at 16.40 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 17.21 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) as against 12.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 13.12 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated for last season. The cotton imports estimated for the ongoing crop year 2023-24 are higher by 3.90 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each compared to last year.

Upto 31st August 2024, about 14.20 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 14.90 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) are estimated to have arrived the Indian Ports.

#### 4. Exports

The Committee has estimated its cotton exports estimate at 28.00 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 29.38 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each). The cotton exports for 2023-24 crop year are estimated to be higher by 12.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each as against 15.50 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 16.27 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) estimated for the last season.

Upto 31st August 2024, about 27 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 28.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) are estimated to have been shipped from India.

# The Balance Sheet drawn by the Association for 2023-24 and 2022-23 is reproduced below: -

|                         | (in lakn bales of 170 k |                |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Details                 | 2023-24<br>(P)          | 2022-23<br>(P) |  |  |  |
| Opening Stock           | 28.90                   | 24.00          |  |  |  |
| Cotton Pressing         | 323.02                  | 318.90         |  |  |  |
| Imports                 | 16.40                   | 12.50          |  |  |  |
| Total Supply            | 368.32                  | 355.40         |  |  |  |
| Non-MSME Consumption    | 201.00                  | 280.00         |  |  |  |
| MSME Consumption        | 100.00                  | 15.00          |  |  |  |
| Non-Textile Consumption | 16.00                   | 16.00          |  |  |  |
| Total Domestic Demand   | 317.00                  | 311.00         |  |  |  |
| Available Surplus       | 51.32                   | 44.40          |  |  |  |
| Exports                 | 28.00                   | 15.50          |  |  |  |
| Closing Stock           | 23.32                   | 28.90          |  |  |  |

### 5. Closing Stock as at 30th September 2024

The closing stock as on 30th September 2024 is estimated at 23.32 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 24.47 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) as against 28.90 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each (equivalent to 30.33 lakh running bales of 162 kgs. each) in last year.

| Balance Sheet of 11 months i.e. from 1.10.2023 to |
|---|
| 31.08.2024 for the season 2023-24                 |

| Details  | In lakh b/s<br>of 170 kg. | In '000<br>Tons |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Opening Stock as on 01.10.2023                                       | 28.90                     | 491.30          |
| Arrivals upto 31.08.2024   | 319.08                    | 5424.36         |
| Imports upto 31.08.2024  | 14.20                     | 241.40          |
| Total available  | 362.18                    | 6157.06         |
| Consumption  | 291.00                    | 4947.00         |
| Export Shipments upto 31.08.2024                                     | 27.00                     | 459.00          |
| Stock with Mills   | 26.25                     | 446.25          |
| Stock with CCI, Maha<br>Fedn., MNCs, Ginners,<br>Traders & Exporters | 17.93                     | 304.81          |
| Total  | 362.18                    | 6157.06         |

## Break-Up of the Stock of 17.93 Lakh Bales with Other Than Mills is as Under:-

(in lakh b/s of 170 kgs. each)

| CCI            | 10.50 |
|----------------|-------|
| MNCs / Ginners | 7.28  |
| MCX            | 0.15  |
| TOTAL          | 17.93 |

#### Stock with Ginners & MNCs as on 31.08.2024

| State          | in lakh b/s of 170 kgs. each |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| North          | 1.50                         |
| Gujarat        | 1.50                         |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1.00                         |
| Maharashtra    | 1.50                         |
| Karnataka      | 0.50                         |
| Telangana      | 0.50                         |
| Andhra Pradesh | 0.50                         |
| Orissa         | 0.28                         |
| TOTAL          | 7.28                         |

# Basis Comparison of ICS 105 with ICE Futures and Cotlook A Index -16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### SEASON 2023-2024 Comparison M/M(P) ICS-105, Grade Fine, Staple 29mm, Mic. 3.7-4.5, Trash 3.5%, Str./GPT 28 with ICE Futures & Cotlook A Index

| Date<br>2024 | CAI<br>Rates<br>Rs./c.                  | ICE Settlement<br>Futures 1.1/6<br>Dec.'24 | Cotlook<br>A Index<br>M-1.1/8 | 1 US \$ = Rs.  | Conversion<br>Factor | Indian<br>Ctn in<br>USc/Ib. | Difference-ON ICE<br>Futures |       | %         | Difference-ON<br>Cotlook A Index |       | %         |  |
|--------------|---|--|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|--|
| _            |   | USC/Ib.                                    |                               | _              | _                    |                             | USC/ID.                      | KS./C |           | USC/ID.                          | RS./C |           |  |
| A            | В                                       | C  | D                             | E              | FU                   |                             | H                            |       | J         | K                                | L     | M         |  |
|              |   |  |                               |                |                      | , th                        | (G-C)                        | (H*F) | (H/C*100) | (G-D)                            | (K^F) | (K/D*100) |  |
|              |   |  |                               |                | Week N               | lo-37'''                    |                              |       |           |                                  |       |           |  |
| 09 Sep       | 60000                                   | 67.69                                      | 79.40 83.98                   |                | 658.40               | 91.13                       | 23.44                        | 15433 | 34.63     | 11.73                            | 7723  | 14.77     |  |
| 10 Sep       | 59800                                   | 68.21                                      | 79.10                         | 83.98          | 658.40               | 90.83                       | 22.62                        | 14893 | 33.16     | 11.73                            | 7723  | 14.83     |  |
| 11 Sep       | 59800                                   | 69.61                                      | 79.60                         | 83.98          | 658.40               | 90.83                       | 21.22                        | 13971 | 30.48     | 11.23                            | 7394  | 14.11     |  |
| 12 Sep       | 59700                                   | 70.38                                      | 81.10                         | 83.99          | 658.48               | 90.66                       | 20.28                        | 13354 | 28.82     | 9.56                             | 6295  | 11.79     |  |
| 13 Sep       | 59700                                   | 69.82                                      | 81.95                         | 83.93          | 658.01               | 90.73                       | 20.91                        | 13759 | 29.95     | 8.78                             | 5777  | 10.71     |  |
|              |   |  |                               | Weel           | kly Avg.             | 21.69                       | 14282                        | 31.41 | 10.61     | 6982                             | 13.24 |           |  |
|              |   |  |                               |                |                      |                             |                              |       |           |                                  |       |           |  |
|              | Wk-26 <sup>th</sup> (24.06.24-28.06.24) |  |                               |                | We                   | ekly Avg.                   | 13.87                        | 9075  | 18.71     | 3.88                             | 2542  | 4.62      |  |
|              | Wk-27 <sup>th</sup> (01.07.24-05.07.24) |  | Avg.c                         | Avg.of 4 Days. |                      | 10859                       | 22.97                        | 5.84  | 3820      | 7.03                             |       |           |  |
|              |   | Wk-  | 28 <sup>th</sup> (08.07       | 7.24-12.07.24) | We                   | Weekly Avg.                 |                              | 11649 | 25.08     | 7.32                             | 4796  | 9.00      |  |
|              |   | Wk-  | 29 <sup>th</sup> (15.07       | 7.24-19.07.24) | Weekly Avg.          |                             | 17.00                        | 11143 | 23.72     | 6.57                             | 4306  | 8.00      |  |
|              |   | Wk-  | 30 <sup>th</sup> (22.07       | 7.24-26.07.24) | Weekly Avg.          |                             | 18.73                        | 12295 | 27.12     | 7.85                             | 5154  | 9.82      |  |
|              |   | Wk   | ·31 <sup>st</sup> (29.07      | 7.24-02.08.24) | Weekly Avg.          |                             | 18.03                        | 11839 | 26.21     | 7.35                             | 4824  | 9.25      |  |
|              | Wk-32 <sup>nd</sup> (05.08.24-09.08.24) |  | Weekly Avg                    |                | 18.32                | 12054                       | 27.08                        | 6.94  | 4565      | 8.78                             |       |           |  |
|              | Wk-33 <sup>rd</sup> (12.08.24-16.08.24) |  | Avg.of 4 Day                  |                | 18.41                | 12115                       | 27.16                        | 6.70  | 4408      | 8.43                             |       |           |  |
|              |   | Wk-  | 34 <sup>th</sup> (19.08       | 3.24-23.08.24) | Avg.c                | of 4 Days.                  | 17.08                        | 11230 | 24.41     | 6.30                             | 4143  | 7.80      |  |
|              | Wk-35 <sup>th</sup> (26.08.24-30.08.24) |  | Avg.of 4 Day                  |                | 19.31                | 12700                       | 27.72                        | 8.25  | 5428      | 10.21                            |       |           |  |
|              |   | Wk-  | 36 <sup>th</sup> (02.09       | 9.24-06.09.24) | Weekly A             |                             | 21.63                        | 14238 | 31.19     | 9.65                             | 6349  | 11.89     |  |
|              |   | Wk-  | 37 <sup>th</sup> (09.09       | 9.24-13.09.24) | We                   | ekly Avg.                   | 21.69                        | 14282 | 31.41     | 10.61                            | 6982  | 13.24     |  |
|              |   |  |                               |                | То                   | tal Avg.                    | 18.20                        | 11957 | 26.07     | 7.27                             | 4776  | 9.01      |  |



| UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES (Rs./Qtl)  |                    |                   |       |               |            |                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |      |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------|------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------|
| Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimetres based<br>on Upper Half Mean Length As per CAI By- lawsSpot Rate (Upcountry) 2023-24 Crop<br>September 2024 |                    |                   |       |               |            |                      |                  |                  | op               |                  |                  |                  |      |
| Sr. No  | . Growth           | Grade<br>Standard | Grade | Staple        | Micronaire | Gravimetric<br>Trash | Strength<br>/GPT | 9th              | 10th             | 11th             | 12th             | 13th             | 14th |
| 1   | P/H/R              | ICS-101           | Fine  | Below<br>22mm | 5.0 - 7.0  | 4%                   | 15               | 13582<br>(48300) | 13554<br>(48200) | 13638<br>(48500) | 13638<br>(48500) | 13610<br>(48400) |      |
| 2   | P/H/R (SG)         | ICS-201           | Fine  | Below<br>22mm | 5.0 - 7.0  | 4.5%                 | 15               | 13751<br>(48900) | 13723<br>(48800) | 13807<br>(49100) | 13807<br>(49100) | 13779<br>(49000) |      |
| 3   | GUJ                | ICS-102           | Fine  | 22mm          | 4.0 - 6.0  | 13%                  | 20               | 12260<br>(43600) | 12232<br>(43500) | 12204<br>(43400) | 12204<br>(43400) | 12176<br>(43300) | Н    |
| 4   | KAR                | ICS-103           | Fine  | 22mm          | 4.5 - 6.0  | 6%                   | 21               | 12654<br>(45000) | 12513<br>(44500) | 12513<br>(44500) | 12513<br>(44500) | 12485<br>(44400) |      |
| 5   | M/M (P)            | ICS-104           | Fine  | 23mm          | 4.5 - 7.0  | 4%                   | 22               | 15100<br>(53700) | 14932<br>(53100) | 14763<br>(52500) | 14763<br>(52500) | 14707<br>(52300) |      |
| 6   | P/H/R (U) (SG)     | ICS-202           | Fine  | 27mm          | 3.5 - 4.9  | 4.5%                 | 26               | 15297<br>(54400) | 15297<br>(54400) | 15325<br>(54500) | 15325<br>(54500) | 15325<br>(54500) |      |
| 7   | M/M(P)/<br>SA/TL   | ICS-105           | Fine  | 26mm          | 3.0 - 3.4  | 4%                   | 25               | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | 0    |
| 8   | P/H/R(U)           | ICS-105           | Fine  | 27mm          | 3.5 - 4.9  | 4%                   | 26               | 15438<br>(54900) | 15438<br>(54900) | 15466<br>(55000) | 15466<br>(55000) | 15466<br>(55000) |      |
| 9   | M/M(P)/<br>SA/TL/G | ICS-105           | Fine  | 27mm          | 3.0 - 3.4  | 4%                   | 25               | 14904<br>(53000) | 14904<br>(53000) | 14904<br>(53000) | 15044<br>(53500) | 14988<br>(53300) |      |
| 10  | M/M(P)/<br>SA/TL   | ICS-105           | Fine  | 27mm          | 3.5 - 4.9  | 3.5%                 | 26               | 15860<br>(56400) | 15803<br>(56200) | 15803<br>(56200) | 15747<br>(56000) | 15747<br>(56000) | L    |
| 11  | P/H/R(U)           | ICS-105           | Fine  | 28mm          | 3.5 - 4.9  | 4%                   | 27               | 15775<br>(56100) | 15775<br>(56100) | 15803<br>(56200) | 15803<br>(56200) | 15803<br>(56200) |      |
| 12  | M/M(P)             | ICS-105           | Fine  | 28mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3.5%                 | 27               | 16506<br>(58700) | 16450<br>(58500) | 16450<br>(58500) | 16422<br>(58400) | 16422<br>(58400) |      |
| 13  | SA/TL/K            | ICS-105           | Fine  | 28mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3.5%                 | 27               | 16563<br>(58900) | 16506<br>(58700) | 16506<br>(58700) | 16478<br>(58600) | 16478<br>(58600) |      |
| 14  | GUJ                | ICS-105           | Fine  | 28mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3%                   | 27               | 16563<br>(58900) | 16535<br>(58800) | 16563<br>(58900) | 16535<br>(58800) | 16535<br>(58800) | Ι    |
| 15  | R(L)               | ICS-105           | Fine  | 29mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3.5%                 | 28               | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   |      |
| 16  | M/M(P)             | ICS-105           | Fine  | 29mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3.5%                 | 28               | 16872<br>(60000) | 16816<br>(59800) | 16816<br>(59800) | 16788<br>(59700) | 16788<br>(59700) |      |
| 17  | SA/TL/K            | ICS-105           | Fine  | 29mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3%                   | 28               | 16956<br>(60300) | 16900<br>(60100) | 16900<br>(60100) | 16872<br>(60000) | 16872<br>(60000) | D    |
| 18  | GUJ                | ICS-105           | Fine  | 29mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3%                   | 28               | 16844<br>(59900) | 16816<br>(59800) | 16844<br>(59900) | 16816<br>(59800) | 16816<br>(59800) |      |
| 19  | M/M(P)             | ICS-105           | Fine  | 30mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3%                   | 29               | 17097<br>(60800) | 17041<br>(60600) | 17041<br>(60600) | 17013<br>(60500) | 17013<br>(60500) |      |
| 20  | SA/TL/K/O          | ICS-105           | Fine  | 30mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3%                   | 29               | 17153<br>(61000) | 17097<br>(60800) | 17097<br>(60800) | 17069<br>(60700) | 17069<br>(60700) |      |
| 21  | M/M(P)             | ICS-105           | Fine  | 31mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3%                   | 30               | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | А    |
| 22  | SA/TL/<br>K / TN/O | ICS-105           | Fine  | 31mm          | 3.7 - 4.5  | 3%                   | 30               | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   |      |
| 23  | SA/TL/K/<br>TN/O   | ICS-106           | Fine  | 32mm          | 3.5 - 4.2  | 3%                   | 31               | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   | N.A.<br>(N.A.)   |      |
| 24  | M/M(P)             | ICS-107           | Fine  | 34mm          | 2.8 - 3.7  | 4%                   | 33               | 23705<br>(84300) | 23705<br>(84300) | 23705<br>(84300) | 23705<br>(84300) | 23705<br>(84300) | Y    |
| 25  | K/TN               | ICS-107           | Fine  | 34mm          | 2.8 - 3.7  | 3.5%                 | 34               | 24043<br>(85500) | 24183<br>(86000) | 24183<br>(86000) | 24183<br>(86000) | 24183<br>(86000) |      |
| 26  | M/M(P)             | ICS-107           | Fine  | 35mm          | 2.8 - 3.7  | 4%                   | 35               | 24267<br>(86300) | 24267<br>(86300) | 24267<br>(86300) | 24267<br>(86300) | 24267<br>(86300) |      |
| 27  | K/TN               | ICS-107           | Fine  | 35mm          | 2.8 - 3.7  | 3.5%                 | 35               | 25027<br>(89000) | 25027<br>(89000) | 25027<br>(89000) | 25027<br>(89000) | 25027<br>(89000) |      |

(Note: Figures in bracket indicate prices in Rs./Candy)