

Cotton farmers protest outside CCI office in Bathinda for purchase on MSP

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Bathinda: Claiming that the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) was not making bulk purchases of cotton crop from certain purchase centres in Bathinda and other parts of Punjab, activists of farmer organisation BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) on Monday held a sit-in outside the regional office of the CCI here.



Punjab.

They alleged that as the CCI was not making purchases from the markets the farmers were forced to sell their crop to private players at lower rates than the minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 6,770 per quintal for 26.5-27mm long staple and Rs 6,920 per quintal for 27.5-28.5 mm long staple, which is normally grown in

The activists demanded that the CCI should immediately start the purchases to save cotton growers from exploitation. The CCI has cited quality issues for not making bulk purchases.

The CCI authorities, however, called farmer leaders for talks and assured them of sending their officials for purchases in various centres from Tuesday.

BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) state secretary Shingara Singh Mann said as the CCI was staying away from the purchase centres, the farmers were forced to sell their produce at prices as low as Rs 4,400-4,500 per quintal.

He, however, said the CCI authorities had assured them of making purchases from various centres.

A CCI official said the corporation did not purchase enough from the centres where quality was not up to the mark. Where quality is as per norms, the purchases are being made, the official added.

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