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Cotton is a priority value chain for the Government's Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and it is produced in 24 counties in Kenya for lint with oil and seedcake for animal feeds as by-products.

Cotton Value Chain has a potential to create one million jobs by 2030 and reduce the import bill of over Ksh 1.7 billion worth of textiles.

The current production is 6,779 bales against an annual demand of 100,000 bales. The low production and productivity are partly due to poor and inadequate seed and low farm gate prices.

To mitigate concerns over low prices of cotton lint, which once was a major cash crop in 24 counties in the country, the main reason that contributed to the decline of the crop in Kenya, the Government together with stakeholders agreed to raise the price of cotton from the **current Ksh 52 per kg to Ksh 65 per kg**.

These prices will take effect immediately to all cotton-growing regions in the country. It is envisaged that this increment coupled with revamped extension support will make the farmers upscale production for the country to attain its goal in cotton production.

As the Ministry in charge of value addition in the country where cotton is the main raw material, I want to encourage all cotton farmers to take advantage of this price increase and support from extension officers to grow more cotton needed to fully revive the once vibrant ginning, spinning, weaving and garment industries in Kenya.

Presently, we are working with Governors from 24 Counties to buy and avail more seeds in 2024. The objective is to increase cotton production from 40,000 acres this year to 100,000 acres next year.

Currently, we have seven (7) operational ginneries. Three (3) new ginneries will be built in Homabay, Kwale and Lamu in partnership with the private sector.

In conclusion, I want to assure farmers that the Government has made arrangements to ensure adequate cotton seeds supply and that there is more than ready markets for the crop.

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