

Statement

Production of rice and wheat during 1984-85

(Million Tonnes)

Rice		Wheat	
State	Production	State	Production
West Bengal	8.1	Uttar Pradesh	16.0
Uttar Pradesh	7.2	Punjab	10.1
Andhra Pradesh	7.0	Haryana	4.4
Tamil Nadu	5.4	Madhya Pradesh	3.7
Bihar	5.3	Bihar	3.1
All India	58.6	All India	44.2

Minimum support price for cotton

(English)

4043. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

12.00 hrs.

(a) whether Government are aware that the present formula of fixing minimum support prices for cotton is disadvantageous to the growers because the increase in cost of production in the recent years as well as risk element has not been fully taken into account; and

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur) : Sir, will the Defence Minister tell us about the IAF plane that is missing ?

MR. SPEAKER : He is not here. We can ask him to find out.

We will ask him to make a statement.

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify this anomaly and fix remunerative minimum support prices for cotton ?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Is the Minister making a statement about the IAF plane that is missing ?

MR. SPEAKER : I will ask him.

(Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

SHRI SURESH KURUP (Kottayam) : Sir, the Union Carbide...

(a) and (b) The minimum support prices of cotton are fixed by the Government taking in view all relevant factors. Due account is taken for the increases in the cost of production and a reasonable margin is provided in the minimum support price as an incentive for increased farm investment. Thus the prices so fixed are remunerative. To protect the interests of farmers adequate market support operations through designated public agency are undertaken to ensure that the farmers get the minimum support prices.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Mahbubnagar) : Sir, regarding the settlement with the Union Carbide....

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Jaipal Ji, you cannot contemplate a thing for an adjournment-motion. You can give me something in writing.

SHRI SURESH KURUP : I have given a notice.