

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:190  
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2001  
PRICE OF COTTON  
NAND KUMAR SINGH CHAUHAN

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the cotton growers are suffering heavy losses due to decline in prices of cotton; and
- (b) the measures being taken to increase the prices of cotton and to save the cotton growers from the financial loss?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 190 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2001.

(a): The domestic Cotton Prices in 2001-2002 season have shown a declining trend as compared to the previous year.

(b): To protect the interest of farmers the Government fixes Minimum Support Prices(MSP) for different varieties of cotton and the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) undertakes Price Support Operation (PSS) if prices touch MSP level. As a result of falling prices, the C.C.I. has started procurement operations and has already procured 18735 bales of cotton under PSS as on 23.11.2001. The procurement is continuing. This intervention is likely to help stabilize the market prices of cotton.