

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:33
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002
PRODUCTION OF COTTON
CHINMAYANAND

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cotton produced during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the cotton production is declining;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the support price of cotton fixed by the Government at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): The details are given in the annexure.
- (b): At the all India level there has been a decline in production of cotton in the country.
- (c): The fall in production of cotton from 1998-99 to 2000-01 was primarily due to fall in area under cotton cultivation from 9.34 million hectares to 8.58 million hectares. The fall during 2000- 01 reflects decline in both area and productivity.
- (d): The Minimum Support Price during 2002-03 for the variety F-414/H-777/J34 is Rs. 1675/per quintal while for variety H-4 the Minimum Support Price is Rs.1875/- per quintal. In addition to this there is a Special drought relief price of Rs. 20/- per quintal for both varieties.

Annexure

Final estimates of production of cotton during last three years.

(`000 bales of 170 kgs. each)

STATES	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01
ANDHRA PRADESH	1522.0	1595.0	1663.0
ASSAM	0.8	1.0	0.8
BIHAR	0.1	0.0	0.0
GUJARAT	3903.0	2085.6	1161.4
HARYANA	873.0	1304.0	1383.0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.0	0.1	0.1
JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.0	0.0	0.2
KARNATAKA	976.9	664.5	980.0
KERALA	24.2	7.7	8.2
MADHYA PRADESH	429.5	417.2	237.7
CHHATTISGARH	0.0	0.1	
MAHARASHTRA	2618.9	3099.0	1802.6
MANIPUR	0.0	0.1	0.1
MEGHALAYA	5.6	5.5	7.7
MIZORAM	2.5	2.0	1.2
NAGALAND	0.4	0.4	0.4
ORISSA	53.0	61.0	65.3
PUNJAB	595.0	952.0	1199.0
RAJASTHAN	872.0	984.2	805.4
TAMIL NADU	406.3	339.5	325.1
TRIPURA	0.9	1.0	1.3
UTTAR PRADESH	0.8	6.0	4.9
WEST BENGAL	0.1	2.0	2.7
PONDICHERRY	2.1	1.8	2.1

ALL INDIA 12287.1 11529.6 9652.3