

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PER ACRE COTTON PRODUCTION

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

- (a) whether the per acre cost of cotton production has registered an increase during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to minimise the cost of cotton production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Cost of Cotton production, which includes all actual expenses in cash & kind incurred in production by owner, Interest on value of owned capital assest (excluding land), Rental value of owned land & rent paid for leased in land and Imputed value of family labour, for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme – Mini-Mission – II of Technology Mission on Cotton is being implemented by the Government in 13 states, viz. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tripura, to increase the production, productivity and improve the quality of cotton. Main strategies of Mini Mission-II are increasing availability of quality seeds with an emphasis on production of Extra Long Staple Cotton, covering more area under hybrids and thrust on popularizing area-specific production technology more emphasis for the popularization of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods amongst the farmers, increasing irrigated area under cotton by efficient use of water through drip and sprinkler and technology transfer to farmers. The scheme is implemented through State Department of Agriculture, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Cotton Corporation of India etc.