

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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GAP BETWEEN INPUT COST AND MSP OF COTTON  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a huge gap between the input cost and MSP of cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has increased the support price of cotton for 2009-10 harvest season;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the MSP policy is effective in ensuring remunerative prices to the cotton growers; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) while recommending Minimum Support Price for agricultural commodities including cotton, inter-alia, considers cost of production of the crop. The all-India weighted average cost of production (C2) for cotton projected by the Commission on Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for 2009-10 is Rs.2111 per quintal. The MSP for 2009-10 season has been fixed at Rs.2500 for the cotton of staple length 24.5 mm – 25.5 mm and Micronaire value 4.3-5.1 and Rs. 3000 per quintal for cotton of staple length 29.5 mm-30.5 mm and Micronaire value 3.5-4.3.

(c)&(d): The MSP of cotton for 2009-10 season has been retained at previous season's level of Rs.2500 for cotton of staple length 24.5 mm – 25.5 mm and Micronaire value 4.3-5.1 and Rs. 3000 per quintal for cotton of staple length 29.5 mm – 30.5 mm and Micronaire value 3.5-4.3.

(e)&(f): The MSP ensures remunerative price to the farmers for agricultural produce. Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 26 agricultural commodities are fixed by the Government. The designated procurement agencies procure agricultural commodities including cotton at Minimum Support Price. The procurement agencies procured 127 lakh bales of cotton under Price Support Scheme in 2008-09.