

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION COST OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inordinate increase has been registered in the per acre production cost of cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to help in minimising the production cost of cotton; 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 assets (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 the 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 sprinkler and drip irrigation and technology transfer to farmers. The scheme is implemented through State Departments of Agriculture, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Cotton Corporation of India etc.