

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON BY CCI

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

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has started procuring cotton from the farmers in the country through Market Intervention Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the quantity of cotton procured, State-wise particularly Andhra Pradesh alongwith the prices paid to the farmers;
- (c) whether there is dispute between Textile and Agriculture Ministry over fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to increase the MSP of cotton;
- (e) whether the Government has noticed that prices of cotton has shored up after the intervention of CCI in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): The details of procurement of cotton under commercial purchases during Cotton Season 2011-12, state-wise are Andhra Pradesh 2.09 lac quintals at a average price of Rs.3949/quintal, Maharashtra 2.65 lac quintals at an average price of Rs.4075/quintal, Gujarat 6.60 lac quintals at an average price of Rs.4448 per quintal and in the other States 1.26 lac quintals at a rate of Rs.4185/quintal.

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f): The prices of cotton are ruling well above MSP levels and CCI is undertaking commercial operations.