

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN COTTON PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of cotton has declined during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to pay bonus to the farmers for promotion of the cultivation of cotton in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): As per the 1st Advance Estimate, cotton production is likely to be 334.00 lakh bales during 2012-13 as against 352.00 lakh bales during 2011-12.
- (b): During 2012-13 there was delayed onset of monsoon and deficit in rainfall during the peak sowing period of Kharif crops was high. Many of the States experienced drought like conditions effecting the sowing and resulting in less area coverage under various crops, including that of cotton. The reduction in production was in the state of Gujarat (- 35 lakh bales), Haryana (- 2.5 lakh bales), Rajasthan (- 3.35 lakh bales) and others (- 3.40 lakh bales).
- (c) & (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Government of India is fixing Minimum Support Price of Cotton every year to ensure remunerative price and income to the cotton farmers.