

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MSP FOR COTTON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has increased the MSP for cotton to provide relief to the cotton growers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government has already announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton for the 2012-13 season. The MSP of cotton has been increased for medium staple from Rs. 2800 per quintal in 2011-12 to Rs. 3600 per quintal in 2012-13. Similarly for long staple it has been increased from Rs. 3300 per quintal in 2011-12 to Rs. 3900 per quintal in 2012-13.

The MSP ensures remunerative price to the farmers for agricultural produce. The Government organizes purchase operations through its designated agencies. The designated central nodal agencies intervene in the market for undertaking procurement operations with the objective that the market prices do not fall below the MSPs fixed by the Government. Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) are the designated nodal agencies of the Government of India to undertake procurement of Cotton under Price Support Scheme (PSS). CCI and NAFED together made procurement of 20.74 lakh quintals of cotton under PSS during the 2012-13 season (upto 28th November, 2012).