

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:338
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2012
PROCUREMENT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cotton growers are getting enough price for their products in the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Cotton Corporation of India has procured large quantity of cotton from farmers at cheaper rates; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to give remunerative prices of cotton to the farmers and to regulate the supply of cotton in the domestic market?

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES)(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (d):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 338 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2012 RAISED BY SHRI GOPAL SINGH SHEKHAWAT AND SMT. JYOTI DHURVE REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF COTTON.

(a) & (b): Cotton prices are above MSP levels in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and majority areas of Maharashtra. In Andhra Pradesh cotton prices have touched MSP levels.

(c): Under Minimum Support Price Operations, Cotton Corporation of India has procured 714 lac bales of seed kapas as on December 9, 2012 at MSP prices amounting to Rs. 1534.45 crores.

(d): Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices for cotton season 2012-13 for medium staple cotton from Rs. 2800/ql to RS. 3600/ql and for long staple cotton from Rs.3300/ql to Rs. 3900/ql. There is adequate supply of cotton in the domestic market and no Government interventions other than MSP operations are envisaged.