

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:25
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MSP FOR COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for various varieties of cotton announced by the Government for the 2012-13 season;
- (b) whether the Government has received any demand from cotton growing farmers of certain States for adequate hike in the MSP of cotton;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 25 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2013.

(a) to (d) Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for two basic varieties of cotton of Fair Average Quality viz., Medium Staple Cotton and Long Staple Cotton for the 2012-13 season at Rs. 3600 per quintal and Rs. 3900 per quintal, respectively. Based on the support prices for these two varieties and taking into account the quality differential, normal price differential and other relevant factors, Office of Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles has fixed support price for other varieties of cotton of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) as per details at Annexure.

Government received various representations for enhancing MSP of cotton. Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price for raw cotton after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), which are finalized on the basis of a number of factors including cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, etc.; the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries; and other relevant factors including representations received from farmers