

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO COTTON GROWERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cotton growers in the country including Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are facing difficulties due to high production cost and low minimum support price;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the incentives/assistance given to mitigate the hardships being faced by the cotton growers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the funds allocated for promotion of cotton cultivation under the Integrated Cotton Development Programme in the country is insufficient;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to allocate more funds for enhancing cotton production under the components of the cotton development programme in various parts of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): To protect the cost of cultivation of cotton, Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) every year, which provides adequate margin over the average cost of production.
- (c): The state-wise financial incentives/assistance given to cotton growers for last three years and current year is given in Annexure-I.
- (d) & (e): The objective of increasing production of cotton in the country has been achieved by implementation of Mini Mission –II of Technology Mission on Cotton.
- (f): In order to enhance cotton production in the country, the State Governments avail resources from the Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.