

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:397

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COMMITTEE ON MSP OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Members of the Committee constituted for prescribing the minimum support price of cotton;
- (b) the agency to which they belong to;
- (c) whether the Committee considers the interests of farmers while deciding the MSP of cotton;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) which recommends the Minimum Support Prices of major agricultural commodities including cotton to Government comprises of Chairman Shri Ashok Gulati, Member Secretary Dr. Anandi Subramanian, one Official Member Dr. Vishandass and two Non-Official Members. The Non-Official Members are representatives of the farming community. At present, one of the non-official member, Mr. D.S. Raghu is an agriculturist, President of Mudigere Planters Association in 1987-88 and an Executive Member of Karnataka Growers Federation since 2001. The other non-official member, Mr. K. Pradhan is a farmer from Sambalpur, Odisha who has obtained state level award in agriculture.

While recommending the MSPs for various agricultural commodities, the CACP holds consultations with different stakeholders including farmer representatives and considers a number of important factors which include cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand-supply situation, inter crop price parity etc.