

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MSP OF COTTON  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the input costs of cotton growers has increased manifold while the Minimum Support Price of Cotton has decreased during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the cotton growers are suffering from heavy losses on account of high rise in input costs and lower MSP of cotton in various parts of the country including Maharashtra resulting a large number of cotton growers committed suicide in various parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken to provide them adequate remunerative prices for their produce?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): The input costs of cotton have increased during the last three years and the current year. The MSP has also been revised keeping in view the increased input costs and other relevant factors. MSPs announced by the Government in the last three years and the current year cover the paid out cost (A2+FL). Details are given below :

	(Rs. per quintal)		
MSP	Medium Staple	Long Staple	All India
2011-12	2800	3300	1941.43
2012-13	3600	3900	1970.28
2013-14	3700	4000	2484.66
2014-15	3750	4050	2509.84

A2+FL

A2+FL= all paid out costs including family labour.

(c) & (d): MSP of cotton has been increased every year over the past three years, in order to protect the interest of the cotton growers. Further, to avoid distress sale by farmers, Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) undertakes into procurement of cotton. The CCI is operating 324 centres in 11 Cotton Growing States including 68 centres in Maharashtra. For the current season, as on 14th February, 2015 CCI has procured 74.39 lakh bales including 15.34 lakh bales in Maharashtra.