

Title: Need to ensure remunerative price to the cotton growers for their produce - Nuapada district of Orissa-Laid.

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): The farmers of drought prone backward district of Nuapada in the State of Orissa are facing serious crisis as the Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Federation of India are not purchasing cotton from them whereas the private traders are buying it at Rs. 1,800 per quintal which is much lower than the minimum fixed support price of Rs. 2,600, thereby causing unprecedented distress sale. The favourable black soil has responded to the new 'Savita' variety of cotton. However, the non-procurement by governmental agencies is causing extraordinary social and financial hardships. I draw the attention of the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Textiles to take immediate steps, to create a permanent and well-protected system of procurement and to protect the interests of the farmers.