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Title: Need to increase the MSP of cotton to Rs. 5000.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR (KARIMNAGAR): Sir, in my State of Telangana, irrigated land is one crore acres. Out of these one crore acres of land, 42 lakh acres is under the cultivation of cotton. In spite of the drought condition, the farming community in the State of Telangana had raised the crop of cotton in these 42 lakh acres. This is the harvest time and the Minimum Support Price of cotton is only Rs. 4150.

I urge upon the Government to raise it to Rs. 5000. The hon. Prime Minister, during his election meetings, said that the Swaminathan Committee Report will be implemented but unfortunately, the Government has not taken any steps to increase the Minimum Support Price of cotton. Thus, I urge upon the Government to increase the MSP of cotton to Rs. 5000.