

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1116**  
ANSWERED ON- 10/02/2023

**COTTON EXPORT**

1116. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Cotton is relatively more expensive compared to World Cotton prices by 10 cents a pound, whether this increase in price would negatively impact Cotton exports;
- (b) whether selling of raw cotton has dropped from Rs.10,000-Rs.15,000 per/Kg to 9,000 per/Kg, the reasons for such decrease;
- (c) the impact of such drop in selling price in the overall income of cotton farmers across India; and
- (d) whether there has been a delay in the sowing and harvesting of cotton across the country, if so, details thereof, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a):** The current average lint prices of S-6 variety of Gujarat (which is most preferred in export) are ruling at Rs. 64,600 per candy in comparison to International prices ruling at Rs. 65,600 per candy as measured by Cotlook A. Further, after imposition of 11% import duty the International prices will be Rs. 72,800 per candy which is 13% higher than present domestic cotton price.
- (b):** The prices of long staple variety (30 mm) cotton, which were ruling in the range of Rs. 8,000 per quintal to Rs. 9,000 per quintal are now ruling in the range of Rs. 7,900 to Rs. 8,000 per quintal. The increase and decrease in cotton prices mainly depend on demand & supply situation. During previous cotton season, cotton prices were higher due to lesser cotton production owing to damage of crops by pest attacks and untimely rains in some states.
- (c):** For sustaining the interests of cotton farmers, MSP is fixed by the Government of India to ensure reasonably fair remuneration i.e. at least 50% over cost of production to farmers. MSP of cotton for current cotton season is higher by around 6% i.e. Rs. 6,380 per quintal in comparison to Rs. 6,025 per quintal during last cotton season 2021-22. During current cotton season farmers are getting 25% to 30% higher market rates as compared to MSP rates.
- (d):** No delay in sowing and harvesting of cotton reported by the states of Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Odisha. Punjab State has reported slight delay in sowing in districts Sri Muktsar Sahib & Fazlika approximately in 10,000 hectare area. However, there is no delay in harvesting of cotton crop. Additionally, Rajasthan State has reported that approximately 1,50,000 hectare is late sown due to late availability of canal water but harvesting and picking is on time.

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