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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1761
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04/08/2023

MSP FOR COTTON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the steep fall in prices of cotton in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken to address the issue;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to announce Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The Government of India announces Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for cotton every year taking into the consideration the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices (CACP), views of State Governments and the Central Ministries concerned, and other relevant factors. The MSP provides a minimum of 50 per cent as the margin over the all India weighted average cost of production.

In order to ensure the remunerative price to cotton farmers and to avoid distress sale by them, the Government has designated the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI) as a Central Nodal Agency for undertaking cotton procurement operations under the MSP whenever cotton market prices fall below MSP. To protect cotton farmers and to maximise reach, CCI has opened more than 400 cotton procurement centres in all the 11 cotton-growing states in the current cotton season 2022-23. The average wholesale mandi price of cotton during the month July 2023 (upto 28.07.2023) was Rs 6877 per quintal.

(c): The Government of India has announced MSP for cotton on 7th June 2023 for the kharif marketing season 2023-24 at Rs. 6620 per quintal for Medium Staple Cotton and at Rs. 7020 per quintal for Long Staple Cotton.

(d): Does not arise.
