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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3405
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH DECEMBER, 2016

DECREASE IN COTTON PRICES

3405. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋदुशुआओँ एवं किसान कल्याण ½ââ`ããè be pleased to state:

- whether the price of cotton has plummeted due to increase in its production worldwide and economic recession as a result of which cotton farmers of Gujarat and other States are facing difficulties;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

ऋदुशुआओँ एवं किसान कल्याण ½ââ`ããÈ¼ã ½ãñâ Àã•¼ã ½ââ`ããè (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) to (c): At present average cotton prices are ruling much above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in all the cotton growing states. In the state of Gujarat, as against MSP of Rs 4110/- per quintal, average cotton prices are ruling in the range of Rs 5000/- to Rs 5100/- per quintal which is 22% to 24% above MSP. In other States also cotton price are ruling above MSP by 27% to 30%. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana however, cotton prices are ruling 13% above MSP. Therefore, farmers are getting adequate price for their produce.
