

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2996
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017

PROCUREMENT OF COTTON

2996. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cotton fetched the highest price in the season for farmers as arrivals of the produce peaked this year at the procurement centres in the country particularly in Telangana, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Cotton Corporation of India procured 4000 quintals of cotton at the minimum support price of Rs. 4100, if the moisture content is below 8 per cent and the private traders also purchased 49,000 quintals at a premium in Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that cropped area of cotton in Telangana has also increased this year compared to the previous three years and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): Yes, Madam. During current cotton season 2016-17, the average kapas prices are ruling much above the MSP level in all the cotton growing States. Statement showing zone-wise, variety-wise MSP vis-a-vis kapas prices during last three years are as under:-

Month	J-34 (North Zone)			S-6 (Central Zone)			Bunny Brahma (Southern Zone) including Telangana		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
	Minimum Support Prices of Kapas in Rs./ Qntl								
	3950	4000	4060	4000	4050	4110	4050	4100	4160
	Average Market Prices of Kapas in Rs./ Qntl								
OCT	4142	4566	5098	4212	4418	5335	4013	4058	4619
NOV	4005	4415	5204	4071	4298	5091	4019	4098	4703
DEC	4088	4467	5197	4014	4596	5127	4014	4110	4854
JAN	4068	4738	5722	4011	4766	5623	4013	4227	5275
FEB	4102	4724	5936	4059	4669	5773	4015	4145	5418
MAR	4063	4698	6015	4042	4684	5828	4042	4196	5423
APR				4151	4804	5798	4151	4512	5409
MAY				4744	5001	5642	4060	4828	5116
JUNE				4624	5618	5554	4233	5150	5102

(b): No, Madam. Since the prevailing market prices of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade of Bunny Brahma variety of Telangana were ruling much above Minimum Support Price (MSP) level of Rs.4160/- per quintal fixed by the Government of India, therefore, procurement under Minimum Support Price Operation was not required during cotton season 2016-17.

(c): The area under cotton cultivation in Telangana during last three years is as under:-

Area under cotton in Lakh hectares		
2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
17.13	17.78	12.50

However, area under cotton cultivation may increase in ensuing cotton season 2017-18 due to good rains, higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the prospect of better returns from cotton compared to competing crops. It is evident from the fact that for the cotton season 2017-18 (as on 20.7.2017) in the State of Telangana progressive area under cotton cultivation is 15 lakh hectare as against 10.32 lakh hectare sown during the corresponding period of the previous year 2016-17.
