

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2787
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018

PURCHASE OF 'B' GRADE COTTON

2787. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Telangana has given representation for purchase of 'B' grade cotton with high moisture content and also discoloured cotton in the State;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether the conditions, that were made applicable in case of Paddy etc., at the time of cyclones or bad climatic conditions, was not made applicable in respect of cotton and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the representations received from other States in the country for such purchases of discoloured and 'B' grade cotton with high moisture content?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Government of Telangana has requested for relaxation in Fair Average Quality (FAQ) specification by allowing moisture content upto 20% and also to introduce a separate category Grade 'B' in respect of discoloured cotton for undertaking Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation of cotton. The matter was referred to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare who has intimated that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 1.11.2007, inter-alia approved the base line for moisture content be fixed at 8%. The farmer selling cotton having moisture above 8% will get less price proportionately, while it will be a proportionate incentive if the moisture content is less than 8%. A decision on maximum permissible limit of moisture at 12% was taken in the Inter Departmental meeting chaired by Principal Adviser, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation held on 14.9.2009 and attended by the representatives of Ministry of Textiles, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED).
- (c): Yes, Madam. As per MSP guidelines, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) can buy only that kapas which contains 8% moisture content at full MSP rate while kapas upto 12 % moisture content can be purchased by CCI with proportionate deduction.
- (d): No such representations have been received from other States in the country.
