

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *152
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20-12-2018

COTTON PRODUCTION

*152. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI) :

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

- (a) whether the cotton production for this season is less as compared to the previous season, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the domestic cotton prices are low as compared to the international prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For the cotton season 2017-18 (1st October 2017 to 30th September 2018), the cotton production in the country is estimated at 361 lakh bales which is less by 2.43% as compared to the previous season production of 370 lakh bales. In particular Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the production estimate of cotton for the current cotton season 2018-19 is lower by 2.44% and 3.64% respectively as compared to the previous cotton season on account of decline in area for cotton. The data on cotton production as assessed by the Cotton Advisory Board for the current cotton season 2018-19 (1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019) as against previous cotton season 2017-18 is given below:-

State	Area under cotton (in lakh hectares)			Production (in lakh bales)		
	2017-18	2018-19	% Decrease	2017-18	2018-19	% Decrease
Andhra Pradesh	6.44	5.51	14.44%	20.50	20	2.44%
Telangana	18.97	17.94	5.43%	55	53	3.64%
India	124.29	122.38	1.54%	370	361	2.43%

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The domestic prices are low as compared to the International prices by 2% to 5%. Statement showing comparison of fortnightly domestic cotton prices of Shankar-6 variety (28 mm) and International prices is as under:

Date	Domestic cotton prices			Difference		
	Spot Rates Rs./candy as per CCI	Average cost (Rs./candy)	Total Domestic Rates Rs/candy	International Rates Rs/candy	Rs./ candy	% increase/ decrease
	(1)	(2)	(1+2)			
01/10/18	46050	2000	48050	49098	-1048	-2.13%
15/10/18	46550	2000	48550	50741	-2191	-4.32%
30/10/18	46750	2000	48750	50325	-1575	-3.13%
01/11/18	46450	2000	48450	50024	-1574	-3.15%
15/11/18	46150	2000	48150	48782	-632	-1.30%
03/12/18	44650	2000	46650	47663	-1013	-2.13%
10/12/18	44350	2000	46350	49499	-3149	-6.36%

Source: Domestic Prices: CCI Branches & Trade; International Prices: Cotlook 'A' Index
(1 Candy= 355.62 kgs)
