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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3346
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST JANUARY, 2019

DECLINE IN COTTON PRICES

3346. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a considerable decline in cotton prices in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the production of cotton in the country for the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of minimum support price fixed by the Government to buy the cotton from farmers and the procurement by the CCI for the current year, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The prices of agricultural produce including Cotton are determined by supply and demand conditions in the market on a day-to-day basis. Apart from demand and supply conditions, availability of stocks and international prices are also affecting prices of cotton. The all India average monthly wholesale prices and Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton during 2018 are given below:

Months	Wholesale prices	(Rs. Per Quintal)	
		MSP	
		Medium Staple	Long Staple
		2017-18	
Apr-18	4305	4020	4320
May-18	4449		
Jun-18	5143		
Jul-18	5369		
Aug-18	5675		
Sept-18	5542		
		2018-19	
Oct-18	5598	5150	5450
Nov-18	5433		
Dec-18*	5416		

* upto 21st Dec.2018

Contd...2/-

(b): As per first Advance Estimates, State-wise Production of Cotton for 2018-19 are given below:

(Lakh Bales)

State	Production *
Andhra Pradesh	17.5
Gujarat	88.3
Haryana	26.4
Karnataka	15.2
Madhya Pradesh	20.0
Maharashtra	78.3
Orissa	4.5
Punjab	11.7
Rajasthan	17.3
Tamilnadu	4.3
Telangana	40.1
Others	1.2
All-India	324.8

* 170 kgs each.

(c): The MSP of Rs. 5150 (for Medium Staple) and Rs. 5450 (for long Staple) has been fixed by the Government to provide at least 50 percent returns over weighted average cost of production as estimated by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers cost of production, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc. Statement showing State-wise procurement by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under MSP during current cotton season upto 24.12.2018 is as under:

State	Procurement under MSP by CCI (Qty of kapas equivalent to bales of 170 kgs each)
Gujarat	597
Maharashtra	9310
Madhya Pradesh	16027
Telangana	138512
Andhra Pradesh	3256
Karnataka	2143
Orissa	180
Total	170025
