

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2436
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

SUPPORT PRICE OF COTTON

2436. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

- (a) the details of number of centers currently approved, operational for purchase of cotton on support price in Nagaur and other districts of Rajasthan;
- (b) the comparative details of cotton purchased on support price in different districts of Rajasthan during the current and previous years; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the support price of cotton in view of increasing cost of cotton production and if so, the details thereof along with the support price of cotton at present?

उत्तर

ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a): Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has set up 37 approved and operational procurement centres in 11 districts for purchasing of cotton under MSP operations to protect the interest of cotton farmers. Branch/ district-wise list of procurement centres in Rajasthan including Nagaur is at annexure-I.
- (b): During last cotton season 2021-22 (1.10.2021 to 30.9.2022) farmers were getting higher prices of cotton in comparison to MSP level. Therefore, procurement under MSP operation was NIL including Rajasthan. During current cotton season 2022-23 (1.10.2022 to 30.9.2023), cotton prices are also ruling above MSP level in the market itself and hence there is no procurement of cotton under MSP operation including Rajasthan so far. The details of MSP operations in Rajasthan during 2019-20 and 2020-21 is at annexure-II.
- (c): Every year, the Ministry of Agriculture, based on the recommendations of Advisory Board viz., Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) fixes the Minimum Support Price (MSP) with a view to give incentives to the Cotton farmers of the country. The current cotton season MSP is higher by 6% over the last cotton season 2021-22. The details of MSP of cotton fixed by the Government of India for cotton season 2021-22 & 2022-23 is as under:

Particulars	MSP (Rs./Quintal)	
	2021-22	2022-23
Medium Staple Cotton	5726	6080
Long Staple Cotton	6025	6380

State : Rajasthan								
Under the jurisdiction of B.O, Sriganganagar				Under the jurisdiction of B.O, Bhilwara				
2020-2021				2020-2021				
Sr. No.	Name of District	Sr. No	Name of Centre	Sr. No.	Name of District	Sr. No.	Name of Centre	
1	Sriganganagar	1	Sriganganagar	1	Bhilwara	1	Gangapur	
		2	Anupgarh			2	Bijaynagar	
		3	Jaitsar			3	Beawar	
		4	Padampur			4	Merta City	
		5	Sadulsahar			5	Nagaur	
		6	Srikaranpur			6	Ladnu	
		7	Srivijaynagar			7	Kapasan	
		8	Suratgarh			8	Alwar	
		9	Kesrisinghpur			9	Khairthal	
		10	Bhagwangarh			10	Behror	
		11	Gajsinghpur					
2	Hanumangarh	12	Hanumangarh- Jn	6	Jodhpur	11	Oshiyani	
		13	Hanumangarh- Tn	7	Pali	12	Rani	
		14	Pilibanga	8	Jhunjhunu	13	Surajgarh	
		15	Goluwala	Total Centres		13		
		16	Sangaria					
		17	Rawatsar					
		18	Nohar					
		19	Bhadra					
		20	Rayasinghnagar					
		21	Ghadsana					
3	Bikaner	22	Bikaner					
		23	Nokha					
		24	Khajuwala					
Total Centres		24						
State Total				37				

District Wise Cotton Procurement under MSP operations by CCI

Sr. No.	District	2019-20			2020-21		
		Procurement under MSP (Thousand bales of 170 kgs)	Payment made (Rs. in Crore)	Farmers Benefitted (In Thousand)	Procurement under MSP (Thousand bales of 170 kgs)	Payment made (Rs. in Crore)	Farmers Benefitted (In Thousand)
1	Ajmer	2.2	5.716	0.5	6.2	17.210	1.4
2	Alwar	0.1	0.303	0.0	3.7	10.530	1.2
3	Bhilwara	13.6	35.119	2.8	4.8	13.151	1.0
4	Bikaner	0.0	0.000	0.0	38.1	108.880	6.3
5	Chittorgarh	7.1	17.854	1.4	1.8	4.900	1.0
6	Hanumangarh	166.5	433.573	27.3	508.8	1444.700	83.3
7	Nagaur	21.8	54.720	3.0	50.9	141.795	7.6
8	Jhunjhunu	0.0	0.000	0.0	15.4	44.091	2.6
9	Jodhpur	0.0	0.000	0.0	16.7	46.320	2.8
10	Pali	1.9	4.891	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	Rajsamand	8.0	20.380	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	Sriganganagar	154.5	405.837	25.4	264.9	754.500	43.2
Total		375.7	978.393	62.2	911.3	2586.077	150.4

During cotton season 2021-22 & current cotton season farmers are getting better price above MSP level and they did not require CCI intervention for undertaking MSP operations. Therefore, procurement under MSP is NIL.
