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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2023

SUBSIDY ON EXPORT OF COTTON

2174. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy on export of cotton on the lines of sugar to compensate the loss of cotton producers and exporters;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of measures being taken by the Government in the interest of farmers from Wardha, Nagpur, Yavatmal, Buldhana, Amravati of Vidarbha region pre-dominantly engaged in cotton production?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

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(a) & (b): At present, export subsidies are not available for cotton. However, rebate under Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme is available @3.1% of Freight On Board (FOB) value. The prices of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade seed cotton (kapas) in the domestic market are ruling over MSP of Rs. 6080 (medium staple) and Rs. 6380 (long staple).

(c): To safeguard the interest of the cotton farmers from Wardha, Nagpur, Yavatmal, Buldhana, Amravati, Cotton Corporation of India Limited has opened 43 procurement centres. Further, Cotton Development programme is being implemented under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 states including Maharashtra state since 2014-15 to enhance production & productivity. Besides, state sponsored productivity and value chain development project on cotton is also being implemented since 2022-23, with focus on productivity enhancement of cotton, capacity building of farmers, strengthening of seed chain, value chain development and convergence with other ongoing schemes like farm pond, irrigation equipments & mechanization.