

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.424
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

COTTON CULTIVATION

424. SHRI A. RAJA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production of cotton has increased compared to last year across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has increased the rate of cotton in the present year, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of cotton?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The production of cotton has increased in 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19 in the country. The production of cotton in the country including Tamil Nadu during last 2 years is as below:

(Production: in lakh bales of 170 kgs each)

State	2018-19	2019-20*
Tamil Nadu	2.69	4.12
All India	280.42	354.91

*4th Advance Estimates

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(c): The Government of India has enhanced Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton for 2020-21 as under:

(Rs. Per Quintal)

Variety	2019-20	2020-21
Medium Staple	5255	5515
Long Staple	5550	5825

(d): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Cotton Development Programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states including Tamil Nadu from 2014-15 with the aim to increase production and productivity. The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare has approved Annual Action Plan of the States/agencies for 2020-21. Besides, Government of Tamil Nadu is also implementing Tamil Nadu Cotton Cultivation Mission from 2014-15 to increase production & productivity of cotton in the state.
