LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1792 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

SUPPORT PRICES OF COTTON CORPORATION OF INDIA

1792. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has given sanction to the support price for Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) during the cotton season 2014-15 to 2020-21 upto 30th September, 2021 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether in the event of the prices of cotton falling below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) the CCI is mandated to implement MSP for cotton by procuring all the FAQ grade cotton from the farmers without any quantitative limit;
- (c) if so, whether the CCI has put in place these facilities by opening 474 procurement centres in 143 districts of all the 11 major cotton producing States; and
- (d) if so, the details of the benefits accrued to the people of Satna district through the same, so far?

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

- (a): Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 10.11.2021 approved the Price Support of Rs. 17408.85 crore for the cotton seasons from 2014-15 to 2020-21 (upto 30.09.2021).
- **(b):** Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) undertakes MSP operations of seed cotton (Kapas) in the event prices of FAQ grade kapas falls below the MSP announced by the Government of India. In such situation, CCI procures entire FAQ grade cotton offered by the farmers at MSP rates in APMCs.
- (c): For effective implementation of MSP operation, CCI has created adequate infrastructure on PAN India basis i.e. 17 branches and more than 450 procurement centres in 143 districts in all the cotton growing states.
- (d): Cotton is not grown in the Satna District of Madhya Pradesh. However, CCI has set up adequate infrastructure with its' branch office at Indore along with 20 procurement centres in 6 districts to cover maximum cotton farmers in the state.
