

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF COTTON  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted for fixing Minimum Support Price of cotton;
- (b) whether the Government propose to increase the MSP of cotton; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): In fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton, the Government considers the cost of production, input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, effect on industrial cost structure, general price level, cost of living, international market price situation etc.

(b) & (c): The Government reviews the MSP of cotton on an annual basis taking into account the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of the concerned state Government, Central Ministries and other relevant factors. The MSP for F-414/H-777/J-34 and H-4 variety of cotton have been fixed at Rs.1725 and Rs.1925 per quintal respectively for 2003-04 season.