

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3534  
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DECLARATION OF SUPPORT PRICE OF COTTON  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from Government of Gujarat regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Cotton (H.6/H-10 Variety); and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of India has fixed the Minimum Support Prices based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), suggestions received from Central Government Ministries, and concerned State Governments, for the two basic varieties of Cotton (Kapas) for the current Cotton Season 2005-06 ( October-September), namely, F-414, H-777, J-34 variety at Rupees 1760/- per quintal of Fair Average Quality of the crop, and for the H-4 variety at Rupees 1980/- per quintal of Fair Average Quality of new crop seed cotton ( Kapas).

The Textile Commissioner, Government of India has also announced the Support Prices of other twenty-three varieties of Cotton (Kapas) of Fair Average Quality, for the cotton season 2005-06 (October-September), taking into account the quality differential, normal price differential, and other relevant factors, like, basic staple length, micronaire value. Prices, so fixed, covered the varieties of cotton (kapas) grown in Gujarat also.