

Price and Production of Cotton

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the price and production of Cotton Desi and Cotton American (Narma) since 1996, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): Information is given in Statements I and II (See below)

STATEMENT-I

Annual Average Wholesale Prices of Cotton (Kapas)

(Rs. Per qtl.)

State/Centre	Variety	Crop Year (Oct.-Sept.)	Annual Average Wholesale Price
PUNJAB			
Abohar	J-34	1996-97	1840
		1997-98	2157
		1998-99	2112
		1999-2000*	1873
Bhatinada	American	1996-97	1810
		1997-98	2116
		1998-99	2011
		1999-2000*	1812
Malout	American	1996-97	1785
		1997-98	2185
		1998-99	2116
		1999-2000*	1916
Abohar	Desi	1996-97	1234
		1997-98	1719
		1998-99	1731
		1999-2000*	1457

State/Centre	Variety	Crop Year (Oct.-Sept.)	Annual Average Wholesale Price
HARYANA			
Rohtak	American	1996-97	1445
		1997-98	N.A.
		1998-99	1794
		1999-2000*	1658
RAJASTHAN			
Sriganganagar	Desi	1996-97	1158
		1997-98	1715
		1998-99	1731
		1999-2000*	1415
	American	1996-97	1729
		1997-98	2175
		1998-99	1943
		1999-2000*	1782

N.A.—Not Available.

*—Annual Average upto March, 2000.

STATEMENT-II

*State-wise and Year-wise Production of Bengal Deshi and American Cotton
(Narma)*

TABLE 'A' (Variety—Bengal Deshi)

(Figures in running lakh bales)

YEAR	STATES				
	Punjab	Haryana	Rajasthan	Other Northern Region	Total
1996-1997	2.78	5.09	4.11	0.60	12.58
1997-1998	1.33	3.04	3.83	0.55	8.75
1998-1999	0.91	4.95	1.90	0.75	8.51
1999-2000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

TABLE 'B'—[Variety]—American Cotton (Narma)

(Figures in running lakh bales)

YEAR		STATES		
Punjab	Haryana	Rajasthan	Total	
1996-1997	10.60	7.17	1.90	19.67
	(J-34)	(J-34)	(J-34)	
	3.17	1.37	1.16	5.70
	(F-414/Aggati)	(F-414/Aggati)	(F-414/Aggati)	
			7.83	7.83
			(Bikaneri Narma)	
1997-1998	4.63	5.30	1.06	10.99
	(J-34)	(J-34)	(J-34)	
	1.55	0.90	0.20	2.65
	(F-414/Aggati)	(F-414/Aggati)	(F-414/Aggati)	
			6.22	6.22
			(Bikaneri Narma)	
1998-99	3.30	1.98	2.14	7.42
	(J-34)	(J-34)	(J-34)	
	0.97	0.45	1.27	2.69
	(F-414/Aggati)	(F-414/Aggati)	(F-414/Aggati)	
			6.65	6.65
			(Bikaneri Narma)	

Source : Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai.

Revitalisation of the Extension Services in Himachal Pradesh

2936. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Ministry of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are envisaged to revitalise the extension services in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government will consider supporting the setting up of regional/district agricultural training centres for farmers and extension works by funding through a special programme for this purpose in the State; and