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The Government of India in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has fixed the support price of two basic varieties of Cotton viz., Medium Staple Length Cotton having Staple Length of 24.5 to 25.5 mm with micronaire value of 4.3 to 5.1 and Long Staple Length Cotton having Staple Length of 29.5 to 30.5 mm with micronaire value of 3.5 to 4.3 of new crop of Seedcotton (Kapas) of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) for Cotton Season 2016-17 (October-September). The support price for Medium Staple Length Cotton has been fixed at ₹ 3860/- per quintal and that for Long Staple Length Cotton has been fixed at ₹ 4160/- per quintal.

2. Based on the support prices of these two basic classes of Seedcotton (Kapas) and taking into account the quality differential, normal price differential and other relevant factors, the support prices for other classes of Seedcotton (Kapas) of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) for the Cotton Season 2016-17 (October-September) are hereby fixed, as under: -
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<th>FIBRE QUALITY PARAMETERS</th>
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<th>NAMES OF THE INDICATIVE VARIETIES USED BY THE TRADE</th>
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(i) If the micronaire value is in the range of 3.8 to 4.2 for Staple Length of 24.5 – 25.5mm mentioned at Sr. No.6 of above table, a premium of ₹ 30/- per quintal will be given over and above the MSP. If the micronaire happens to be less than 3.8 or more than 5.1, the MSP will be lower by ₹ 15/- per quintal for every 0.2 micronaire.

(ii) If the micronaire values are outside the range in the column (IV) for staple lengths at Sr. No.9 to 15 of above table, a lower MSP of ₹ 25/- per quintal will be given for every 0.2 micronaire value.

(iii) The minimum acceptable micronaire value shall be 2.8 for Extra Long Staple Cotton mentioned at Sr. No. 13 to 15 of above table. Minimum acceptable micronaire value shall be 3.0 for other varieties of cotton at Sr. No. 1 to 12 of the above table.

(iv) The names of varieties mentioned in column No (VI) of the aforesaid table are only indicative related to the respective length group.
(v) The base line moisture content of Kapas shall be 8%. The farmer selling Cotton having moisture above 8% but upto 12% will get lesser price proportionately, while it will be a proportionate incentive, if the moisture content of the produce is less than 8%. For the purpose of undertaking price support operation by the designated Procurement Agencies, moisture content of more than 12% is not permitted. The incentive / disincentive will be made on the basis of rate per quintal of Kapas on pro-rata basis.

(vi) The procurement agencies should ensure that micronaire and other fibre quality parameters are scientifically assessed by providing the required infrastructure/facilities at the purchase centres.

The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., (CCI) will be the central nodal agency for undertaking price support operations for cotton. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd., (NAFED) would supplement efforts of CCI for cotton procurement.

The Minimum Support Price will be effective from 01.10.2016.

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