

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3233
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

REVENUE FROM EXPORT OF COTTON

3233. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

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

- (a) the details of total cotton exported by the country and the revenue earned by the Government from it during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether cotton exports and production have recorded a sharp decline in the country during the current financial due to shift by farmers to more profitable crops and low international demand, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether long drawn Russia-Ukraine war has also impacted the country's cotton exports and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether cultivation area under the cotton is shrinking in some major growing states such as Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of steps taken by the Government to encourage the cotton growing farmers to grow cotton/shift back to cotton crop and create demand in the domestic market to counter the low international demand?

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ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): India's export of Cotton Raw including waste is as follows:

(USD Million)

Financial Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	April-June 2022	April-June 2023 (P)
Cotton Raw including waste	1,897.21	2,816.24	781.43	354.80	231.26

Source: DGCIS (P): Provisional

As per 3rd Advance Estimates of Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), the area & production of cotton has increased from 123.71 lakh ha & 311.18 lakh bales during 2021-22 to 130.61 lakh ha & 343.47 lakh bales during 2022-23, respectively. Russia & Ukraine are not India's major cotton export destination countries.

(d) & (e): Government is implementing cotton development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states viz., Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal with the aim to increase production and productivity. The assistance is being provided to the farmers on various types of demonstrations, trials on high density planting system, distribution of plant protection chemicals & bioagents, national & state level trainings. Besides, states can support cotton development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR)

Further, a special project on cotton entitled 'Targeting technologies to agro-ecological zones-large scale demonstrations of best practices to enhance cotton productivity' of ICAR-Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur has been approved under NFSM for implementation during 2023-24 with an amount of Rs. 41.87 crores.

In order to sustain the interest of farmers in cotton cultivation, every year before commencement of cotton season MSPs for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) cotton are declared by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt of India based on the formula of 1.5 times of cost of production (A2+FL) so as to ensure reasonably fair remuneration i.e. at least 50% over cost of production to farmers.
