

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it has been estimated that production of cotton thread and cotton clothes will be lower by approximately ten per cent in the country during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there has been decrease in the export of clothes and thread due to higher prices of cotton in the country this year; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The current trend of production do not indicate decline in the current financial year. The production of cotton yarn for the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 (April-Dec) is given below:-

(April-December)					
Item	Unit	2008-09	2008-09	2009-10	% change
Cotton yarn	Million Kilogramme.	2898	2192	2272	3.6
Cotton Cloth	Million square metre.	26898	20162	21477	6.5

(c) & (d): The export of cotton yarn has shown a decreasing trend. The decrease is attributable to the high and persistent appreciation of the Indian rupee vis-À-vis the US dollar during 2007-08 leading to lower realization for the textile sector. This phase was immediately followed by onset of global economic slowdown and recession in the major markets for India's textiles exports. Details of export of cotton cloth and cotton yarn are given below:-

**EXPORT OF MAJOR TEXTILE ITEMS**

(Value in US\$ Million )

ITEMS	2008-2009 April - September				% Change
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2009-2010	% Change	
Cotton Yarn, fabrics, madeups etc.	4125.07	2351.36	1529.95	-34.93	
Cotton sewing thread	10.00	5.00	4.00	-20.00	
Readymade garments cotton incl. accessories	8388.73	4067.57	3542.29	-12.91	