

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON COTTON EXPORTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has refused to impose any kind of ban on export of cotton;
- (b) if so, whether it is being demanded in some sectors to import cotton made items instead of direct import of cotton which would be beneficial for both the industry and the farmers;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure maximum production of cotton in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): There is sufficient stock of cotton in the country to meet the demand of the mills as well as export. No proposal is under consideration for banning the cotton export at this stage.
- (c): Question does not arise in view of above.
- (d): With the intervention of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) Scheme and commercial release of Bacillus Thuringiensis (Bt) cotton, the cotton production in the country has increased substantially from 158 lakh bales from the year 2001-02 to 295 lakh bales in the current cotton season 2009-10 (Oct. –Sept.).