

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:673  
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COTTON PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of cotton produced during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is a decline in the production of cotton during the current financial year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any proposal with regard to providing assistance to the farmers affected from comparatively lower production of cotton is under consideration of the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): Estimated production of cotton in the country during 2006-07 to 2009-10 is given below:

Year    Production ('000 Bales of 170 kgs each)

2006-07    22631.8

2007-08    25884.1

2008-09    22276.2

2009-10#    22318.4

**#2nd Advance Estimates**

(b) & (c): No, Madam. As per 2nd Advance Estimates released on 12.02.2010, the production of cotton during 2009-10 is estimated at 22.32 million bales (of 170 kgs. Each) which is marginally higher than its estimated production of 22.28 million bales during 2008-09.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.