

**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) the estimated production of cotton this season;
- (b) the estimated requirement of cotton in the country, particularly in the handloom sector;
- (c) whether there is any shortfall as per the estimates of world-wide production; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to meet the deficit in the ensuing season?

Answer

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

- (a): Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) has estimated production of cotton at 290 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each during the cotton season 2008-09.
- (b): The overall estimated requirement of cotton in the country is at 230 lakh bales.The requirement for handloom sector is 33.82 lakh bales (575 million Kgs) in the financial year 2009-10.
- (c): There is no shortfall of world-wide production.As per International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), the world cotton production is 23.52 million metric tons.Declining 10% as compared to previous year production i.e. 26.21 million metric ton is mainly due to a decline in world cotton area caused by increased competition from alternative crops.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.