

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5010
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COTTON CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the domestic consumption of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the cotton consumption is likely to go up in the coming years;
- (c) if so, the estimated quantum of cotton production and consumption in the country during the current year and the next year; and
- (d) the steps taken to meet the demand for cotton in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The domestic consumption of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and the current year is a under:-

Cotton season Domestic Consumption
(October-September) of cotton (Mill/Non-
Mill/SSI)
(in Lakh Bales of
170kgs each)

2006-07	232.03
2007-08	236.88
2008-09	229.00
2009-10	250.00

Source: Cotton Advisory Board

(b): Yes, Madam. In the four year period from cotton season 2006-07 to 2009-10, there has been an overall increase of 7.7% in domestic consumption.

(c): For cotton season 2009-10, Government has assessed domestic production at 295 lakh bales and consumption at 250 lakh bales. Question does not arise for Cotton season 2010-11, as season commences on October 1, 2010.

(d): To strengthen the raw material base of cotton for textiles industry, Government launched Technology Mission on Cotton(TMC) in February 2000.