

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1157  
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COTTON AS ESSENTIAL COMMODITY  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to retain cotton in the list of essential commodities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the benefits likely to accrue to the industry and the consumers therefrom?

**Answer**

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

(a): Cotton is presently not included in the list of essential commodities in the Schedule to the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. However "Hank Yarn made wholly from cotton" and "cotton seed" are both included in the said schedule.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.