

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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RISE IN COTTON PRICE

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that textile/weaving industry is facing economic crisis due to increase in cotton price in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) the quantum of cotton produced in country during the last three years, till date, year-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Ministry of Textiles has received representations from industry associations on viability of downstream industry due to disorderly increases in cotton and yarn prices.

(b): Government of India has put in place the following policy measures for cotton security in 2010-11 cotton season:-

- i) Registration of cotton export contracts would commence from 01-10-2010.
- ii) Actual exports would commence from 01-11-2010.
- iii) The exportable surplus is identified as 55 lakh bales
- iv) There would be no registration after the exportable surplus is registered.

(c): Cotton production during the last three years including the current year is as under:-

Year	Production (in lakh bales)
2007-08	307
2008-09	290
2009-10	295
2010-11 (Projected as on 27-08-2010)	325

Source: Cotton Advisory Board