

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to fix the limit of the import of raw cotton keeping in view the industrial necessity of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has estimated the required quantity of raw cotton for use in the country; and
- (d) if so, the quantity of cotton available in the country in September, 2010?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No Madam, no limit has been fixed on the import of raw cotton.
- (c): Yes Madam. As per the Cotton Balance Sheet for cotton season 2010-11, the domestic consumption of raw cotton is estimated at 266 lac bales and production is estimated at 325 lac bales.
- (d): As per the Cotton Balance Sheet for cotton season 2009-10, the quantity of raw cotton in the country on 30.09.2010 was 40.5 lac bales.