

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of cotton is high during this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether on account of export of cotton, the textile industry is facing difficulty in procurement of raw material, resulting in higher cost of finished cotton fabrics;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the handloom weavers are affected by the export of cotton; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam, Cotton Production, in 2010-11 cotton season is projected at 325 lakh bales as against 295 lakh bales during the 2009-10 cotton season.
- (c): Government has received representations from Industry Associations expressing concern over high prices of cotton and cotton yarn.
- (d): Government has put in place a cotton security policy for cotton season 2010-11 comprising of the following measures:-
 - (i) Registration of Cotton export Contracts would commence from October 1, 2010.
 - (ii) Actual exports would commence from November 1, 2010.
 - (iii) The exportable surplus is identified as 55 lac bales.
 - (iv) There would be no registration after the exportable surplus is registered.
- (e) & (f): The price volatility on cotton has resulted in an increase of Rs. 45/kg in hank yarn prices thus affecting handloom weavers.