

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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ORGANIC COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of organic cotton being produced in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra is increasing in European Countries; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet this demand?

Answer

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

(a): 128.14 million tonnes of Organic Cotton was exported from Maharashtra to EU in the year 2008-09 and 149.85 million tonnes in the year 2009-10

(b): Government of India launched the National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP) in the year 2000 aimed at enhancing production and for accreditation certification system recognized by European Commission and Switzerland as equivalent to their country standards.