

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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INCENTIVES TO COTTON GROWERS AND HANDLOOM WEAVERS

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cotton textiles are becoming fashionable and acceptable to the western markets;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to secure the market share for India;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give incentives to cotton growers and handloom weavers to increase the production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam. As per industry reports cotton textiles is becoming increasingly acceptable in the western markets. Readymade garments of cotton account for almost 70% of the total exports of garments.

(b): Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged approach for securing and enhancing India's share in the global export markets through various incentives and provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy, Duty-Drawback Scheme, rationalization of customs and excise tariff structure, formulation of Common Compliance Code, textiles workers Skill Upgradation Scheme etc.

(c) & (d): Government provides for remunerative price to the cotton growers in the country by fixing Minimum Support Price at the commencement of the cotton season. As regards handloom weavers, Government is implementing five schemes viz. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme, Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme, Diversified Handloom Development Scheme and Mill Gate Price Scheme with a view to enhance the qualitative and quantitative output of the handloom weavers. This apart, handloom design studios have been set up in Kannur and Hyderabad for providing design support to the industry.