

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF COTTON

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

- (a) the details of production and consumption of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and estimated for the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of cotton production estimates projected by the Cotton Advisory Board and the cotton industry for the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the cotton production in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a): State/UT-wise production and consumption of cotton in the country during each of the last three years and estimated for the current year is annexed.
- (b) & (c): The Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) is a representative body of the Government agencies, growers, industry and trade. In its meeting held on 26.2.2011, CAB has arrived at a production estimate of 312 lakh bales for the cotton season 2010-11.
- (d): With a view to improve the production, productivity and quality of cotton the Government of India launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in February, 2000 focusing on research and development of cotton , dissemination of technology to cotton farmers, improvement of marketing infrastructure and modernization of ginning and pressing sector. Since 2003-04, the Government has been commercially releasing *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) cotton, which is pest resistant, to improve the cotton yield.