

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the position of India with regard to the cotton exports in the world and efforts being made by the Government to make India the leading cotton exporting country;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the cotton export quota recently;
- (c) if so, whether any prior consultations with the Cotton Advisory Board have been held with regard to export of cotton and proposed review; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total quantity of duty free quota of cotton permitted for exports?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per International Cotton Advisory Committee Report (ICAC), India is the 2nd largest cotton exporter in the world. Indian cotton exports have been placed under OGL without any quantitative ceiling w.e.f. August 2, 2011. The Cotton Advisory Board reviewed the Cotton Balance Sheet on November 15, 2011 and estimated cotton exports at 80 lac bales.