

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:300
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2009
IMPORT OF COTTON TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of cheap cotton fabrics and garments imported from various countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to check the import of cotton textiles to revive domestic textiles units; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.300 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2009

(a): There is no separate classification for cheap and inferior cotton textiles under the Harmonized System of Classification. However, details of cotton yarn & fabrics; readymade garments (woven & knitted); and made-ups textiles articles imported from various countries during the last financial year {April-February- 2008-09 (provisional)} and the preceding three years are as follows:

US\$ Million

Item	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
(Provisional)				
Apr-Feb				

Cotton yarn & fabrics	279.13	318.33	319.01	233.79
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Readymade Garments (Woven & Knitted)	56.83	73.74	112.96	123.54
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Madeup Textiles Articles	61.98	71.25	98.75	140.67
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Total	397.94	463.32	530.72	498.00
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Source: Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries), DGCI&S, Kolkata

(b) & (c): Under the provisions of World Trade Organization, a member country cannot put restrictions on import of any particular item from another country. The import tariffs in India provide for application of ad-valorem duty or specific duty, on whichever is higher basis, in respect of the 1 majority of cotton fabrics and garments, which protects the domestic industry from cheap imports.