

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT DUTY ON COTTON

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to impose/enhance the import duty on cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith steps taken in support of domestic cotton textile industry and ban on import of cotton/yarn;
- (c) whether any study has been carried out the fine show by cotton textile sector in other neighbouring countries like China and Bangladesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the positive steps adopted for the cotton textile sector on the line of other Asian countries?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c): Yes Madam.

(d): A study of Benchmarking of Apparel Industry was carried out with reference to China and Bangladesh. Improved Statistical collection, strengthening export credit guarantee schemes, adherence to timely supplies, low power and labour costs were some of the key findings. Government has adopted the findings into the 12th Five Year Plan Schemes.