

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:155
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COTTON PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is expecting a huge production of cotton this year;
- (b) if so, the total procurement made by Government during the current year, State-Wise;
- (c) whether due to increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP), cotton prices in India are lower than the international prices;
- (d) if so, the total carry over stock of cotton of last year ; and
- (e) the extent by which the lower prices and bumper cotton crop is likely to boost textile industry in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), nominated Government agency has purchased 1.86 lakh bales of cotton under MSP operations as on 12.11.2009. The State wise details of procurement by CCI under MSP during cotton season 2009-10 are as under:-

State 2009-10

Punjab 86,562

Haryana 21,731

Rajasthan 4,453

Gujarat 162

Maharashtra 449

Andhra Pradesh 71,197

Karnataka 2,279

Total 1,86,833

(c): No Madam. During the cotton season 2009-10, the Minimum Support Prices of cotton has been retained the same as were fixed for cotton season 2008-09. Domestic prices are depending upon the demand & supply situation domestically as also demand for

cotton world over. Moreover, with globalization, the domestic cotton prices are fully integrated with the international prices and are moving in tandem with international prices.

(d): Total carry over stock of cotton season 2008-09 as per Cotton Advisory Board is 71.50 lakh bales.

(e): The domestic prices depend on demand and supply situation domestically and internationally. Over the years, the cotton production has been continuously increasing with the improvement in the quality of Indian cotton at par with international standards. At present, domestic textile mills are in a position to get the cotton domestically at rates less than the international prices and with improvement in demand for yarn, fabrics and garments have been doing well.