

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortfall in estimated production of cotton in India as per the estimated world production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the cost of cotton/yarn products as compared to various developing countries;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review the policy for cotton textiles sector;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with incentives being given to the domestic manufacturers/exporters; and
- (f) the effect being made by the Government to make more cotton available to the textiles industry including the garment/handloom industry?

Answer

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

- (a): No Madam, Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) on August 23, 2012 has estimated 2011-12 production at 353 lac bales which is the highest ever crop size.
- (b): Does not arise. The cotton stocks in India are estimated at 28 lac bales.
- (c): Currently Indian Cotton prices are above world prices. Textiles mills have started importing cheaper cotton from abroad which is expected to moderate domestic prices.
- (d) to (f): Government policy seeks to ensure adequate raw material security for textile industry and exportable surplus is determined only after domestic consumption needs are met.