

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COTTON EXPORTS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cotton export is not viable due to lower global prices as compared to prices in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to explore new markets for export;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to re-consider a ban on cotton export in view of the above and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether various sections of the society have complained to the Government against this ban; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b): There is a decline in international cotton prices due to overstocking and lower global mill demand during the last Cotton Season. Domestic cotton prices have followed the global price decline trend, but less steeply, so that the differential between international and domestic prices has narrowed considerably and at times become negative. India's cotton exports for 2011-12 Cotton Season reached 129 lac bales which is the highest ever export performance. For Cotton Season 2012-13, the Cotton Advisory Board has estimated a production of 334 lakh bales and an exportable surplus of 70 lac bales. Export registrations of 4.5 lac bales have been reported till November 5, 2012. Cotton Trade follows well established trade routes.

(c): There is no ban on cotton exports category for Cotton Season 2012-13.

(d): Cotton exports are currently on Open General License subject to a prescribed procedure of registration.

(e): Does not arise in view of the above.