

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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RAW MATERIAL SECURITY POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the shortage of yarn supply/production is due to lack of comprehensive raw material security policy and insufficient supply of cotton from the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to enhance the production of cotton;
- (c) whether there is a dip in demand of cotton apparels due to change in fashion preferences among the Indian middle-class consumers; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to popularise the use of cotton apparels/garments?

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) & (b): No Madam, India is a yarn surplus country. The Cotton Yarn Advisory Board has estimated production for the year 2012-13 as 3500.00 million kgs, against consumption of 2670.00 million kgs with an exportable surplus of 920 million kgs and a closing stock of 90 million kgs.
- (c): There is no reported dip in demand of cotton apparels due to change in fashion preference of middle class consumer.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.