

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COTTON PRODUCTION

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of estimated and actual production/consumption of the cotton during the last three years and the current year and reasons for varying the estimates by various Government agencies;
- (b) whether the projected production of cotton in the country has decreased in comparison to average production of cotton in the world during the above period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to reduce the price of cotton so as to make it comparable with developing countries and to provide ample cotton for domestic textile industry at reasonable price;
- (d) whether the Government is procuring cotton from farmers through various Government agencies like Cotton Corporation of India and others at market price;
- (e) if so, the data of cotton procured during the above period, State-wise along with quantum of buffer stocks of cotton created by the Government to meet the lean season requirement of the country;
- (f) whether the Government has given approval for export of surplus cotton during the year; and (g) if so, the details of cotton and yarn exported during the last three years and the current year, country-wise?

**Answer**

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a): The Cotton Advisory Board has estimated production as 305 lac bales in 2009-10, 339 lac bales in 2010-11, 355 lac bales in 2011-12 and 330 lac bales in 2012-13. Cotton Advisory Board has estimated consumption as 259 lac bales in 2009-10, 259.61 lac bales in 2010-11, 254.18 lac bales in 2011-12 and 276 lac bales in 2012-13. Cotton production estimates are formulated by Ministry of Agriculture and State Agriculture Departments who are also members on the Cotton Advisory Board. Given that ginning and pressing data on real time basis is not collected from ginning factories, and production estimates are annual projections based on crop cutting experiments, there are marginal variations in production estimates.

(b): India's production has been 22-23 percent of the world's production in the past 4 years and there has been no decline.

(c): India's cotton prices have traditionally operated below world cotton prices. Government has a cotton export/ distribution policy that meets the demands of the domestic industry and only the surplus is exported.

(d): Cotton prices in 2012-13 have operated below MSP prices in Andhra Pradesh where Cotton Corporation of India undertook MSP operations. In 2011-12, Cotton Corporation of India was authorized to build a buffer stock of 10 lac bales through commercial operations.

(e): The cotton procured by Cotton Corporation of India during the last three cotton seasons and the current cotton seasons is given below:-

(Quantity in bales)

| State | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 (provisional) |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
|       | MSP     | MSP     | MSP     |                       |

Haryana 21763

Rajasthan 4495

Gujarat 162

Maharashtra 509 41562

MP 10 3567

AP 44589 7670 2143000

Karnataka 4763 16363

West Bengal 137 152 124

Orissa 16581 49012

Total 580596 152 7704 2253494

During the cotton season 2011-12, a buffer stock of around 2.48 lakh bales has been created to meet the lean season requirement of the country.

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

(g): The details of cotton and yarn exported during the last three years and the current year, country-wise are at annex I and annex II respectively.