

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COTTON CLOTHES

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the use of cotton clothes has declined in all the States during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether cotton clothes are getting out of reach of the poor and the middle class people and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether decrease in the value of rupee has any adverse impact/losses on import of raw material/yarn and production/growth of textile sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of import of raw material during the last three years, country-wise and the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of textile industry in view of the wide fluctuation of rupee against dollar?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The production of cotton clothes in the country was 31718 Mn.Sq.mtr in 2010-11 and 30570 Mn.Sq.mtr in 2011-12 which increased to 34102 (prov.) Mn. Sq. mtr in 2012-13. State-wise details are not available.

(c) Government has no information regarding use of cotton cloth by the different class of people. The total production of cotton clothes in the country increased in 2012-13 from the previous years and there is no shortage of cotton cloth reported. Cotton cloth is available in the country to meet the demand from all categories of people including poor and middle class people. However, Textile Committee has conducted survey `National Household Survey 2011 Market for Textiles and Clothing`. As per the survey per capita purchase and aggregate purchase of cotton textile items showed an increase in 2010 compared to previous year. The details are given in Annexure-I.

(d) & (e) The decrease in the value of rupee has no adverse impact on import of textile items. India is largely self-sufficient in respect of raw material like fibre, yarn and fabrics and the quantum of import is not significant. The details of production & import of raw material are given in Annexure-II.

(ii) The country-wise details of import of raw cotton is given in Annexure-III and that of import of cotton yarn in Annexure-IV, man-made fibre in Annexure-V, man-made filament yarn in Annexure-VI, and cotton fabrics are given in Annexure-VII.

(ii) In order to improve the performance of textile industry Government has taken various measures / schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Schemes for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), scheme for the Development of powerloom sector.