

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF CELLULOSE FIBRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether less water is required in the production of cellulose fibre from cotton; and
- (b) the quantum of irrigation water used annually in the production of cotton and cellulose fibre in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a) Cotton crop requires adequate irrigation to obtain good quality Cellulose fibre and optimum seed cotton yield.
- (b) As cotton crop is grown under various agro-climatic conditions and soil types in nine major cotton growing states of the country, the quantum of irrigation water used annually for production of 'cellulose fibre' from cotton crop ranges from 30 cm to 55 cm throughout the crop growing period. The details of quantum of irrigation water required annually for cotton are given in Annexure-I.