

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:98

ANSWERED ON:09.07.2009

NATIONAL FIBRE POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the tardy growth in fibre production for domestic consumption and exports;
- (b) if so, whether the factors responsible for this have been identified and the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a National Fibre Policy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the policy is likely to be formulated?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 98 FOR ANSWER ON 09.07.2009

(a) & (b): The trend of fibre production in India is progressive and availability has been sufficiently adequate to meet the domestic demand during last three years. Total availability in the year 2008-09 for cotton fibre as estimated by the Cotton Advisory Board in its latest meeting was 340 lakh bales against the requirement of 230 lakh bales. Total availability for man-made fibre in the same year was 1147 million kgs against the requirement of 967 million kgs.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to formulate a National Fibre Policy. A Working Group is being constituted to formulate the Policy reflecting the interests of all stakeholders.