

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cotton production is expected to cross 400 lakh bales next season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cotton prices are likely to come down due to lesser demand for Indian cotton; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRISANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Cotton Season lasts from October to September of the succeeding year. For the Cotton Season 2014-15 (October 2014 to September, 2015), the Cotton Advisory Board has estimated the production of cotton at 400 lakh bales.

(c) & (d): The prices of cotton have come down and are operating below Minimum Support Price (MSP) levels at some locations during the current cotton season 2014-15. Due, mainly, to Chinas decision to offload its substantial stock of cotton, the market demand is short of supply. As China constitutes about 60% share of the Indias cotton exports, any policy change by China will have its impact on availability and price of cotton in India.