

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF GOOD QUALITY COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of good quality cotton in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has been importing cotton to overcome this shortage;
- (d) if so, the details of cotton imported during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to increase the production of cotton in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): The details of cotton imported during each of the last three years and the current year i.e. 2014-15 is as under:-

Cotton year (Oct Sept) Import of Cotton (in lakh bales)

2011-12	7.51
2012-13	14.59
2013-14 (P)	10.80
2014-15 (P)	4.25 (as on 31st January, 2015)

P = Provisional. Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata

(e): Cotton is an agricultural produce and measures to promote and increase production of cotton falls under the domain of Ministry of Agriculture. The Government has taken various measures like transfer of technology and improved farm practices by way of Cotton Extension Schemes, Grow More Cotton campaign, Intensive Cotton Development Program (ICDP) and setting up of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in 2000 coupled with release of Bt seeds for commercial cultivation in 2002-03. At present, the Government of India is promoting High Density Planting System (HDPS) for increase in productivity.