

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government formulates cotton distribution policy on annual basis to ensure adequate supply of raw material to domestic industry, if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether the cotton growers are not getting even their import cost consequent upon implementation of the said policy, if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Most of the raw cotton in India is traded in open market without any Government control and India being a cotton surplus country, sufficient raw cotton is always available for domestic industries. Whenever CCI undertakes MSP operation, it offloads its stock of raw cotton in the market in such a way that sufficient supply of raw cotton is available for domestic industries. The demand and supply position of cotton as estimated by Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) in its meeting held on 31st March 2015 is as under which shows that India is cotton surplus country where cotton production is more than consumption and there is sufficient availability of raw cotton for domestic industry:-

(Qty in lakh bales of 170 kgs)
Item 14-15(P)

SUPPLY

Opening Stock 32.00
Crop Size 390.00
Imports 8.00
Total Availability 430.00

DEMAND

Mill Consumption 278.50
Small Mill Consumption 26.50
Non-Mill Consumption 15.00
Total Consumption 320.00
Exports 70.00
Total disappearance 390.00
Carry Forward 40.00