

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Production of Wool

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual production of wool in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the funds released under the Sheep and Wool Improvement Programme in the country including Karnataka during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries in the country including Karnataka under this scheme during the said period, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Indian woollen goods are considered to be of low quality in the international markets which results in lack of demand; and
- (e) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the quality of woollen goods as per the international standard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): As per Basic Statistics on Animal Husbandry & Fisheries published by Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, the production of wool in the country during last three years was 46.05 m Kg. (2012-13), 47.91 m Kg. (2013-14), 48.14 m Kg. (2014-15) and 50.18 m Kg. is projected to be produced in 2015-16. The State-wise information is at Annexure.

(b): Funds released by Central Wool Development Board under Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme in the country including Karnataka during the last three years and the current year, state-wise are as under:- (Rs. in lakh)

S. No. Name of implementing agencies 2014-15
Provisional 2013-14 2012-13 2011-12

1. Karnataka State-

Karnataka Sheep & Wool Dev. Corp., Bangalore 56.29 nil 42.50 24.10

2. Maharashtra State-

Punyashloka Ahilyadevi Maharashtra Mendhi Va Sheli Mahamandal Ltd. Pune nil 71.00 7.63 25.00

3.(i) J.&K State-

J.&K. Sheep and Sheep Products Dev. Board ,Srinagar (J&K) nil nil 96.00 36.00

(ii) LAHDC, Kargil 153.00 90.00 156.50 67.50

(iii) LAHDC, Leh 117.60 88.20 353.70 67.50

4. Uttar Pradesh State-

Director Animal Husbandry UP Lakhnow (UP) 46.00 23.00 88.00 nil

5. Himachal Pradesh State-

H.P. State Wool Procurement & Mkt. Fed., Shimla 91.00 112.00 nil 94.50

6. Uttarakhand State-Uttarakhand Sheep & Wool Dev. Board, Dehradun 51.25 nil 43.00 48.20

7. Andhra Pradesh /Telgana State-

Andhra Pradesh Sheep and Goat Dev. Co-op. Fed.(A.P.) 56.00 nil 65.00 47.00

8. Gujarat State-

Gujarat Sheep & Wool Dev. Corp. Ltd., Gandhi nagar 75.00 nil nil nil

9.(i) Rajasthan State-

CSWRI Avaikanagar nil nil 34.25 nil

(ii) Raj. Livestock Dev. Board, Jaipur nil nil 26.20 nil

(iii) Vet. College, Bikaner nil nil nil 68.00

(c): Number of beneficiaries in the country including Karnataka under the Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme, state-wise are as under:-

S. No Name of States No. of beneficiaries (sheep breeders families)

1. Karnataka 6563

2. Maharashtra 2191
3. Jammu & Kashmir 29154
4. Uttar Pradesh 3998
5. Himachal Pradesh 6571
6. Uttarakhand 6575
7. Andhra Pradesh 6600
8. Rajasthan 6981
9. Gujarat 10958

(d) & (e): No, Madam. Does not arise. Indian woolen goods are not considered to be of low quality in the international markets as the Exports of woolen textiles from India has shown an increase in US \$ terms during the last three years. The Export data of the last three years are as under:-

(in US \$ Million)

Sector 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (April to June)

Woolen Textiles 415 423 514 127 (+ 6% of the corresponding period last year)