

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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COTTON INDUSTRY

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

- (a) whether the Government Proposes to improve the performance of Cotton Industry in the country;
- (b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the competitiveness of Indian Cotton in the international and domestic market;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy to the handloom sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government is implementing various schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) and Scheme for the development of Power-loom Sector, Yarn Supply Scheme for Handloom Sector, duty drawback scheme for cotton etc. for improving the competitiveness of textile industry including cotton in the national and international market.

(c) & (d): Yarn Supply scheme aims to make available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom weavers so as to facilitate regular supply of basic raw materials to the handloom sector and help utilize the full employment potential of the sector. To provide the subsidized yarn only to handloom weavers in order to compete with powerloom and mill sector, a component of 10% price subsidy on hank yarn also exist under which 10% subsidy is applicable on Cotton, Domestic silk and woollen yarn with quantity limitation.