

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4164
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WOOL MARKET
Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bikaner is known as Asia's largest wool market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up Central Wool Board in Bikaner;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): Bikaner is known as Asia's largest wool market. Carpet grade raw wool from all wool producing states is sold in Bikaner mandi. There are large number of carpet yarn spinning units specially in handloom and khadi sector and most of the carpet grade yarn is produced in Bikaner. There is tremendous potential for development of wool based industry in Bikaner specially for manufacturing of woollen carpet looking at availability of woollen yarn.

Transaction regarding arrival and sale of wool in Bikaner mandi during last 3 years as per data collected by Central Wool Development Board are as under:

(quantity in quintal)

Sl. No.	Year	Arrival	Sold
1	2011-12	1,00,120	97,722
2	2012-13	1,88,299	1,87,367
3	2013-14	1,72,927	1,72,960
Total		4,61,346	4,58,049

(c): No Madam.

(d): Question does not arise.

(e): Ministry of Textiles vide Gazette Resolution No.8/4/85-WT dated 7.7.1987 has set up Central Wool Development Board with its headquarters at Jodhpur.

Looking at largest wool mandi and carpet yarn manufacturing units in Bikaner, Ministry of Textiles has established a wool testing laboratory at Bikaner to support local wool industry. This laboratory is providing necessary testing facilities right from fibre to fabric with technical guidance to the woollen industry, wool users and traders at cheaper cost. A Senior Marketing Officer have also been posted at Bikaner to help the Industry in marketing related matters.