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Title: Need to sanction the export quota of cotton of a least 5 lakh bales to the Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Grower's Marketing Federation.

SHRI ABHAYSINH S. BHONSLE (SATARA): The Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Grower's Marketing Federation has been a pioneer in the export of cotton bales and has established its reputation in the international market. The Federation has not been given a fair share of the export quota by the Government of India. If the Federation gets better share of export quota, it will be able to get a better realisation for their cotton, and thus, in turn it will benefit the farmers in the State. Considering the volumes of purchases of cotton by Federation under the scheme, if the export quota of minimum five lakh bales is sanctioned by the Central Government at the beginning of the season, the Federation will stand benefitted as it will be able to realise the best available market price. Therefore, I request the Union Government to sanction the export quota of cotton at least five lakh bales to the Cotton Federation.