Ban on online trading of cotton

1169. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any representation to put ban on online trading of cotton so as to bring down the yarn prices in the domestic market;
 - (b) if so, whether Government proposes to ban online trading of cotton;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No Sir, Neither the Ministry of Textiles nor the Forward Market Commission under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution have received any such representation.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Decline in production of silk yarn

†1170. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether production of silk yarn has declined during the years 2007 to 2010;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether efforts are being made to increase the production of silk yarn by Central Government; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. The year-wise silk production in India during the last four years (2006-07 to 2009-10) is as follows:

Year	Production of Silk in MTs		
	Mulberry	Vanya	Total
2006-07	16,525	1,950	18,475
2007-08	16,245	2,075	18,320
2008-09	15,610	2,760	18,370
2009-10	16,322	3,368	19,690

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.