

As per available information, China is importing coir fibre from India for the manufacture of low cost coir mattresses, but so far China has not ventured into the production of coir floor covering like mats, matting, carpets, etc. which are traditionally made in India.

Places where Mahatma Gandhi's ashes were immersed

†3697. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of places in India where Gandhi Ji's ashes have been immersed;
- (b) the number of places out of these which located at the bank of a river, and
- (c) the number of places where 'Smadhis' have been built?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of hank yarn

3698. SHRI AVINASH PANDE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has data regarding total production of hank yarn in the previous three financial years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the current obligation on spinning mills to produce hank yarn;
- (d) whether Government plans to change these obligation norms in near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) and (b) The production of cotton hank yarn during the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity (Million Kg.)
2009-10	534.74
2010-11	559.85
2011-12 (April to December, 2011)	393.75

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.