

Item	China	Korea RP	Japan	Others	Total
Fabrics, Made-ups	31.24	0.001	0.001	4.79	36.04
Readymade Garments	0.75	0.000	0.000	1.10	1.84
Silk Carpets	0.01	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.02
Silk Waste	2.08	0.000	0.000	0.16	2.24
TOTAL	167.38	0.001	0.01	47.04	214.43
2017-18					
Raw Silk	144.10	0.000	0.000	44.90	189.01
Silk Yarn	8.37	0.000	0.048	8.94	17.35
Fabrics, Made-ups	39.16	0.254	0.002	6.01	45.43
Readymade Garments	0.52	0.000	0.005	2.17	2.70
Silk Carpets	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.03	0.04
Silk Waste	1.86	0.000	0.000	0.00	1.86
TOTAL	194.02	0.254	0.05	62.05	256.39

Cotton production and exports

956. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cotton production for this season is estimated to be 370 lakh bales;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was not much scope for increase in cotton exports;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the domestic cotton prices are up, reflecting the international trend; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) has estimated the cotton production for the current cotton season 2017-18 (October, 2017 to September, 2018) at 370 lakh bales.

(c) From October, 2017 to April, 2018, the total amount of cotton exported from India was 51.21 lakh bales. CAB has estimated that during the current cotton

season 2017-18 (October, 2017 to September, 2018), the export of cotton from India is likely to increase by 20% over last year and is expected to touch 70 lakh bales by September, 2018.

(d) and (e) Domestic prices of cotton are ruling below the international cotton prices. Details of domestic sale prices of the representative variety of S-6 cotton *vis-à-vis* international prices of its equivalent variety are given below:—

Month	Domestic Prices (S-6 Variety) in ₹/candy	International Prices (Cotlook A)		Variation between domestic and international prices
		in USC/lb	Conv. in ₹/ candy	
October, 2017	38468	78.68	40126	-4.13%
November, 2017	37462	80.39	40921	-8.45%
December, 2017	39296	85.58	43113	-8.85%
January, 2018	41084	90.91	45350	-9.41%
February, 2018	40061	88.27	44568	-10.11%
March, 2018	40846	92.07	46947	-13.00%
April, 2018	41172	92.13	47414	-13.16%
May, 2018	42246	94.45	50009	-15.52%
June, 2018	46265	97.71	51943	-10.93%
July, 2018	47192	94.40	50845	-7.18%

(Upto 14.07.2018)

Source: Domestic Prices: Cotton Association of India (CAI); International Prices: Cotlook.

Increasing imports of textiles and apparel

957. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile and clothing sector is witnessing signs of recovery and is expected to perform better in export and domestic markets this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one issue of concern for the industry is the growth in imports;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in 2017-18, imports of textiles and apparel touched 7 billion US dollars, which is 16 per cent higher than the previous year, and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?