

any other source, it is 57.3 as compared to the All India percentage of 11.6 and 51.9 respectively. Again, as per the above survey, in Maharashtra, the average amount of outstanding loan per agricultural household is ₹ 54,700 as compared to the All India Average of ₹ 47,000.

(d) Does not arise, because, there is no proposal under consideration of the Union Government to waive off farm loans.

#### **Export of cotton**

4510. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bt. Cotton had witnessed pest attacks in the past year and now farmers are adopting the traditional cotton variety;
- (b) the details of cotton exports in the last three years; and
- (c) the names of the countries that are the biggest competitors in cotton production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Yes, Sir. Only the States of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra has reported the pest attack in Bt. Cotton, however no State has reported the adoption of traditional cotton varieties by the farmers.

- (b) The quantity of cotton exported during last three years is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Qty. in '000 tons
1.	2014-15	1142.53
2.	2015-16	1347.07
3.	2016-17	1000.09

- (c) India ranks first in the production of cotton in the world. China and USA are the second and third largest producers competing with India in cotton production.

#### **Calculation of cost of production and MSP of crops**

4511. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers that have been given Minimum Support Prices (MSPs)