

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2397
ANSWERED ON- 17/12/2021

PRODUCTION OF COTTON

2397. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the import of cotton during last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the production of cotton during last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the demand and consumption for cotton domestically during last five years, year-wise;
- (d) the reasons for significant surge in cotton imports despite India being world's largest producer;
- (e) the impact of imported cotton on domestic cotton farmers;
- (f) whether it is a fact that five per cent basic customs duty and five per cent Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess on imported cotton is too less and needs to be enhanced; and
- (g) if so, steps taken by Ministry to enhance the rate of duties?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a): The details of import of cotton during last five years, year -wise is annexed.
- (b): The details of production of cotton during last five years, year -wise is annexed.
- (c): The details of demand and consumption for cotton domestically during last five years, year -wise is annexed.
- (d): As can be seen from the figures in the Annexure, there has been no surge in cotton import in last three years. Though India is the largest cotton producing country in the World with estimated production of 362 lakh bales during cotton season 2021-22, domestic production of Extra Long Staple Cotton (ELS) is even less than 5 lakh bales as against its consumption requirement of about 15 lakh bales.
- (e): As stated at point no. (d) above, import of cotton in India is mainly of ELS cotton. As domestic production of ELS cotton is low there is hardly any impact on Indian cotton farmers due to import of such cotton.

(f) & (g): The decision regarding imposition/removal of duty on any raw material is taken keeping in view the best interest of all stakeholders in the value chain.

Annexure

(a) Statement showing import of cotton in India during last five years:

Crop Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22*
Import of Cotton (Lakh bales)	30.94	15.80	35.37	15.50	11.03	10.50

(b) Statement showing production of cotton in India during last five years:

Crop Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Production of Cotton (Lakh bales)	345.00	370.00	333.00	365.00	353.84	362.18

(c) Statement showing year-wise demand and consumption of cotton in India for the last five years:

(Qty. in lakh bales)

Crop Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Mill Consumption	262.70	280.11	270.78	233.70	297.45	299.00
S.S.I Consumption	26.21	26.18	22.43	20.49	22.42	23.00
Non Textile Consumption	21.50	12.77	18.00	15.00	15.00	16.00
Total Consumption	310.41	319.06	311.21	269.19	334.87	338.00

Source: COCPC Meeting held on 12.11.2021.
