

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1278
ANSWERED ON- 16/12/2022

SHORTAGE OF COTTON

1278. SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 50 per cent of spinning mills in the country are on the verge of closure due to cotton shortage and the textile industry is in depression;
- (b) if so, year-wise cotton production in the country for the last five years; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to increase cotton production to save the textile industry?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There is no such information. There is adequate availability of cotton as the estimated production in the country is 341.91 lakh bales and estimated consumption is 311 lakh bales. The year-wise cotton production in the country for the last five years are as under:

Crop Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (P)
Cotton Production (In lakh bales)	370.00	333.00	365.00	352.48	312.03	341.91

P: Provisional

(c): Ministry of Textiles is constantly engaged with all the stakeholders including Department of Agriculture on enhancing productivity of cotton by promoting advanced technologies through holistic planning from farm to fashion.
