

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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SUPPORT TO TEXTILE INDUSTRY

632. SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact the Indian Textile sector needs cheaper inputs to propel the Indian Textile industry towards the target of \$350 billion by 2030;
- (b) whether Government proposes to remove import duty from all varieties of cotton, including cotton waste and raise cotton productivity with a focus on specialized seed varieties;
- (c) whether raw material availability at internationally competing prices can address stagnation in the industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (d): The Indian textiles industry is one of the largest in the world with a large raw material base and manufacturing strength across the value chain from fibre to fabric to garments. India has the advantage of having a strong raw material base of natural fibre including cotton, silk, wool, jute as well as manmade fibre.

The competitiveness of an industry is influenced by factors such as cost efficiency across inputs, processing, marketing, and value chain.

The Government is continuously monitoring export performance and taking various measures to boost production and exports. Basic Customs Duty has already been removed on Extra Long Staple Fibre of Raw Cotton. Government keeps a close monitoring of the price of fibre for interventions, if required.

With a view to have a sustained interest of farmers in cotton cultivation and to ensure a consistent supply of cotton in the country, Government of India is declaring Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton every year. This mechanism acts as safety net to protect cotton farmers' interests, ensuring they receive a fair remunerative price for their produce in the event market prices of cotton falls below the MSP rates declared by the Government of India. Simultaneously, it facilitates the availability of cotton at competitive prices through daily e-auctions by CCI throughout the year at most competitive rates and terms.
