

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1915
ANSWERED ON- 04/08/2023

SHORTAGE OF COTTON YARN

1915. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the acute shortage of cotton yarn in Kerala as several spinning mills in Tamil Nadu have stopped production and sale of cotton yarn;
- (b) whether Government is also aware of the high price of cotton and the lack of availability of cotton; and
- (c) if so, the urgent measures taken by Government to save the handloom textile sector in Kerala?

ANSWER

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

(a): There is no shortage of cotton yarn in Kerala and spinning mills in Tamil Nadu are running with a capacity of about 60% to 70%.

(b): Cotton prices are dependent on market forces of demand & supply, international prices and prevailing future price at Cotton Exchanges etc. In current cotton season 2022-23, presently, in the month of July 2023, cotton prices are ruling in the range of Rs. 56,000/- per candy to Rs. 57,000/- per candy as against Rs. 88,700/- per candy to Rs. 90,000/- per candy during corresponding period in cotton season 2021-22. There is adequate availability of cotton as in the current cotton season 2022-23, the estimated cotton production in the country is 343.47 lakh bales which is about 10% higher in comparison to cotton consumption of 311 lakh bales.

(c): In order to support handloom sector, Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) is being implemented throughout the country including Kerala to make available yarn to Handloom weavers. Under the Scheme, freight charges are reimbursed for all types of yarn and component of 15% price subsidy is available for cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, wool and linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres with quantity caps. There are 39 yarn depots and 2 warehouses functioning in Kerala. From 2014-15 to 2023-24 (as on 30.06.2023), total 792.28 lakh kg of yarn has been supplied under transport subsidy and price subsidy in Kerala.
