

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1538
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017

COTTON PRODUCING NATIONS

1538. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state :

- (a) whether India is among the largest cotton producing and exporting nations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including major markets for Indian cotton exports;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Cotton Corporation of India has reduced the export forecast for 2016-17 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase cotton exports from the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. India is the largest cotton producing and second largest cotton exporting country. As per International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) report for the month of March 2017, details of major cotton producing & exporting nations including India is at Annexure – I. Major markets for Indian Cotton exports are Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Turkey, Thailand *etc.* Statement showing Country-wise export and its share with total export from India is at Annexure – II.

(c): No, Madam. Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is a cotton trading organization under the administrative control of Ministry of Textiles and to forecast the export of cotton from the country is not under its purview. In order to collect data for demand, supply, stocks, export & import position of cotton in the Country the Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) is constituted by Government of India. The Cotton Advisory Board has estimated the cotton export from the Country during cotton season 2016-17 at 50 lakh bales as against 69 lakh bales during the previous year.

(d) & (e): There is no proposal to increase cotton export from the country.

Annexure - I

(In Million Metric Tonnes)

Country	2014-15 (Estimated)		2015-16(Estimated)		2016-17(Projected)	
	Production	Export	Production	Export	Production	Export
India	6.56	0.98	5.75	1.17	5.97	0.85
China	3.55	2.45	2.81	1.99	3.69	2.77
Pakistan	6.50	0.02	4.75	0.03	4.74	0.02
USA	2.30	0.10	1.51	0.05	1.69	0.03
Brazil	1.56	0.85	1.29	0.94	1.42	0.66
Australia	0.53	0.52	0.63	0.62	1.01	0.84
Others	5.20	2.89	4.29	2.73	4.17	2.68
Total	26.20	7.81	21.03	7.53	22.69	7.85

Annexure – II

Country	2014-15		2015-16*	
	Export in lakh bales	% share in total export	Export in lakh bales	% share in total export
Bangladesh	22.91	40%	21.50	31%
China	16.76	29%	6.46	9%
Pakistan	3.79	7%	27.16	39%
Indonesia	1.47	3%	2.88	4%
Vietnam	8.01	14%	6.17	9%
Thailand	0.80	1%	0.53	1%
Turkey	0.43	1%	1.17	2%
Others	3.55	6%	3.13	5%
Total Export	57.72	-	69.00	-

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

* Provisional
