

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*278  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017

**DECLINE IN COTTON PRODUCTION**

\*278. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA *ALIAS* HARISH DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether the production of cotton has been declining in the country over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the textiles industry has been affected due to increase in production cost and shortage of cotton; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*278 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017.**

**(a) & (b):** No, Madam. The trend is a mixed one over the last decade. While cotton production in 2008-09 declined over 2007-08, it increased continuously till 2013-14 with a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 6.5%. Thereafter, it declined for two years. In the current cotton year 2016-17, production is expected to be higher than last year. Year-wise details of production of cotton during last 10 years are given below:-

<b>Cotton Year</b>	<b>Cotton Production (in lakh bales of 170 Kg each)</b>
2007-08	307
2008-09	290
2009-10	305
2010-11	339
2011-12	367
2012-13	370
2013-14	398
2014-15	386
2015-16	338
2016-17(P)	351

Source: Cotton Advisory Board

Reason for decrease in production during cotton year 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows:-

- During 2014-15, due to untimely rains in Northern & Central region, cotton production in the Country reduced to 386 lakh bales as against 398 lakh bales in 2013-14.
- During cotton season 2015-16, due to white fly pest attack in Northern region, pink boll worm attack in Gujarat region, delayed rains in Central & Southern region and deficit rains all across the Cotton growing areas, cotton production decreased by around 12% to 338 lakh bales in comparison to 2014-15.

**(c):** No, Madam.

**(d):** Does not arise.

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