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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2152**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2018

**COTTON PRODUCTION**

2152. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of the total cotton production and consumption in the country during the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to encourage cotton production and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government imports and exports cotton products and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The total cotton production and consumption in the country during the current crop year i.e. 2018-19 is not available. However, State-wise estimated production of cotton, as per the Third Advance Estimates for the year 2017-18, is as under:

State	Production (in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)
Andhra Pradesh	20.38
Gujarat	126.37
Haryana	16.26
Karnataka	12.24
Madhya Pradesh	18.69
Maharashtra	65.46
Orissa	4.02
Punjab	12.83
Rajasthan	18.93
Tamilnadu	4.88
Telangana	47.54
Others	1.02
<b>All-India</b>	<b>348.62</b>

The total consumption of cotton in the country during 2017-18, as estimated by Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) in its meeting held on 16.6.2018, is 315.50 lakh bales.

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(b): The Government has been implementing Cotton Development Programme with a focus on cropping system approach under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in major cotton growing states since 2014-15 to enhance production and productivity. Thrust has been given on transfer of technology through frontline demonstrations and training in order to extend benefits to farmers. In addition, States can support Cotton Development Programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna.

Further to provide remunerative prices to cotton cultivators in the country, Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Cotton for 2018-19 season at Rs. 5150/- per quintal for medium staple and at Rs. 5450/- per quintal for long staple. This provides margin of 50 percent over all India paid out cost including family labour.

As a result of various initiatives taken by the Government, India has become a major cotton producer in the world and is also a net cotton surplus country.

(c): The details of imports and exports of cotton products for the year 2017-18 (provisional) are given as under:

<b>Cotton Products</b>	<b>Imports (in tonnes)</b>	<b>Value Imports of (in million USD)</b>	<b>Exports (in tonnes)</b>	<b>Value Exports of (in million USD)</b>
Cotton Fabrics, Madeups etc.	-	472.20	-	5480.22
Cotton Raw (including waste)	469126	979.32	1097492	1887.48
Cotton Yarn	6503	31.88	1097388	3424.92
Ready Made Garment (RMG) Cotton including accessories	-	350.94	-	8510.67

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