LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

COTTON PRODUCTION

1285. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) the details of cotton production in the country including the largest cotton producing States during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that export of cotton during this year is going to be less than 40 lakh bales;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to push the export of cotton?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a): Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana are the major cotton producing states which produce about 65% of cotton production in the country. Statement showing year-wise, state-wise cotton production in the country for the last two years and current year is annexed.
- **(b) & (c):** During current cotton season 2022-23, export of cotton is expected to be 40 lakh bales. However, the same may increase or decrease depending on the availability of surplus cotton in the country, overseas demand and price parity.
- (d): Looking at the wider interest of the entire cotton value chain, presently export of cotton is under Open General License.

Annexure

State	State-wise Production of Cotton (in Lakh bales)		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (P)
Maharashtra	101.05	71.18	80.25
Gujarat	72.18	74.82	91.83
Telangana	57.97	60.67	53.25
Rajasthan	32.07	24.81	27.12
Karnataka	23.20	19.50	21.04
Haryana	18.23	13.16	17.21
Andhra Pradesh	16.00	17.08	17.85
Madhya Pradesh	13.38	14.20	15.19
Punjab	10.23	6.47	9.22
Odisha	5.51	6.26	6.82
Tamil Nadu	2.43	3.60	1.87
Others	0.23	0.28	0.26
Total	352.48	312.03	341.91

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