

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019

EXPANSION OF EXPORT OF COTTON

4173. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

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

- (a) the total production of cotton in the country during the last three years viz. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- (b) the targets set/achieved for exports during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans in place to enhance export of cotton in untapped markets; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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

(a): The detail of cotton production during the last three cotton years viz. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 is as under:-

(Quantity in lakh bales of 170 kgs each)

Cotton Year (October – September)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Provisional)
Cotton production	345	370	330

Source: Cotton Advisory Board (CAB)

(b): There is no target fixed for export of cotton. However, the detail of export of cotton, as assessed by Cotton Advisory Board, is as under:-

(Quantity in lakh bales of 170 kgs each)

Cotton Year (October – September)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Provisional)
Cotton Export	58.21	67.59	44.00

(c) & (d): To promote exports of textile industry including cotton, Government announced a Special Package for garments and made-ups sectors. The package offers Rebate of State Levies (RoSL), labour law reforms, additional incentives under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) and relaxation of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act. The RoSL scheme has been replaced by the new RoSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies) scheme w.e.f. 7th March 2019. Assistance is also provided to exporters under Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme. Government has enhanced interest equalization rate for pre and post shipment credit for exports done by MSMEs of textile sector from 3% to 5% w.e.f. 02.11.2018. Benefits of Interest Equalization Scheme has been extended to merchant exporters from 02.01.2019 which was earlier limited to only manufacturer exporters.
