

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3953
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON COTTON INDUSTRY

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

- (a) the details of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on cotton textiles sector and Government support to the sector;
- (b) the month-wise output of cotton textiles in 2020- 21, as on date;
- (c) whether the Government has discussed the possibility of exporting Indian fabric and yarn with the Bangladesh Textile Ministry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Indian cotton exports are uncompetitive viz-a-viz global competitors like China, Vietnam, Bangladesh; and
- (f) the plan envisaged by the Government for improving cost competitiveness of cotton exports internationally?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
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(a) & (b): Special measures were taken by the Ministry in COVID crisis to support liquidity flow to the textile industry including cotton textile sector by introducing an option to release part subsidy against Bank Guarantee (BG) in facilitating the subsidy release process. Total 400 units are supported with Rs 100.36 crore under ATUFS and 20 units with Rs.42.52 crore under RR-TUFS. The estimated month wise production of cotton yarn for the year 2020-21 (Apr –Jan 2021) is given in **Annex-I**.

(c) & (d): In order to work out annual sourcing plan under “Fabric forward Policy initiatives, India, Bangladesh Textile Industry Forum (IBTIF) has been institutionalized.

(e) & (f): The average domestic price of cotton is cheaper by around 14% during the current cotton season as compared to the International cotton price. India is one of the largest exporters of cotton in the World. China, Vietnam, Bangladesh are not cotton exporting countries, but cotton importing countries.

Monthwise estimated production of Cotton Yarn(Provisional)**(April 2020 to January 2021)**

(Figures in million)

Month	Production (in Million Kg)
April 2020	229.60
May 2020	251.41
June 2020	280.57
July 2020	285.08
August 2020	290.94
September 2020	313.73
October 2020	337.63
November 2020	316.79
December 2020	321.09
January 2021	318.42
