

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

ORGANIC COTTON PRODUCER

839. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) whether is it true that India is a major organic cotton producer in the world with more than 50 percent share globally and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the other organic cotton producers/ contributors across the world;
- (c) the quantity of organic cotton produced in India vis-a-vis Bt. Cotton during the previous three years including the current year, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the details of foreign exchange proceeds accrued through export/sale of organic cotton and efforts being made to promote/strengthen organic cotton farming in India?

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. Production of organic cotton in India is 1.23 Million Metric Tons which is 51% of global organic cotton production of 2.40 Million Metric Tons.
- (b): The other organic cotton producing countries are China, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Tajikistan, Tanzania, USA, Uganda, Greece, Benin, Peru, Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Brazil, Mali and Argentina.
- (c): The comparative figure of the quantity of organic cotton produced in India vis-à-vis Bt. Cotton during the previous three years including the current year, year-wise is not available.
- (d): During 2019-20, organic cotton has not been exported from India under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP). Regarding efforts made to promote/strengthen of organic cotton farming in India, it is stated that the organic farming promotion of different crops including organic cotton is being addressed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare through Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana.
