

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2016

IMPORT OF COTTON

3587. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- whether the spinning mills in the country are importing cotton from International market in view of the steep rise in its prices in the domestic market;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether there is any proposal to impose duty on import of cotton to protect the Indian farmers; and
- if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) and (b): The details of cotton imported during the last three cotton years (Oct - Sept) and current cotton year are as under:-

Cotton year (1 st October – 30 th September)	Imports of Cotton (in Lakh Bales of 170 kgs. each)
2012-13	14.59
2013-14	11.51
2014-15	14.39
2014-15 (Oct, 2014-June, 2015)	8.75
2015-16 (Oct,2015-June, 2016)	8.03

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

- (c) & (d): No such proposal is under consideration at present. Above data indicate downward movement in import in recent years from the figure for 2012-13.

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