

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO-\*321**  
ANSWERED ON- 25/03/2021

**IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON COTTON EXPORT TO CHINA**

\*321. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) to what extent slowdown in China has impacted the textile sector in the country;
- (b) whether there is a drastic fall in cotton export to China from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in the last three years;
- (c) if so, the manner in which the Ministry propose to protect cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (d) whether the Ministry has a proposal to export cotton to Indonesia, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Latin American countries in view of Chinese crisis; and
- (e) whether there is any impact on cotton export due to COVID-19 and, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

**(a) to (e):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA  
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**(a):** There is no information available about the slowdown in China and its impact on textile sector in the Country.

**(b) & (c):** There is no definite trend in cotton export to China from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The total cotton export by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana increased from 2.39 Million US\$ in 2017-18 to 9.47 Million US\$ in 2018-19. In 2019-20, it decreased to 2.43 Million US\$.

In order to ensure the benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to large section of cotton farmers, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI), a Nodal agency under Ministry of Textiles is undertaking MSP operations of cotton in the event prices of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade kapas falls below the MSP announced by the Government of India.

**(d):** There is no such proposal to export cotton to Indonesia, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Latin American countries in view of Chinese crisis.

**(e):** The export of cotton has been increased from Rs. 3425.39 crore to Rs. 7044.27 crore during the period from April 2020 to December 2020, as compared to the corresponding period of 2019 (April to December). The Month wise quantum of cotton export and its value is given below :-

Quantity: in Lakh bales of 170 kg each

Value: in Rs. Lakh

| Month        | 2020         |                  | 2019         |                  |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|              | Quantity     | Value            | Quantity     | Value            |
| April        | 0.34         | 6602.96          | 2.11         | 44641.41         |
| May          | 1.58         | 27764.36         | 1.34         | 31298.63         |
| June         | 3.82         | 65092.18         | 0.60         | 13482.98         |
| July         | 4.31         | 73229.02         | 0.80         | 18472.05         |
| August       | 3.46         | 58250.62         | 0.75         | 16873.54         |
| September    | 4.49         | 76451.07         | 0.71         | 15369.99         |
| October      | 5.29         | 95508.49         | 1.10         | 22424.77         |
| November     | 7.83         | 152715.45        | 3.34         | 64267.58         |
| December     | 7.12         | 148812.88        | 6.06         | 115708.72        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>38.22</b> | <b>704427.03</b> | <b>16.81</b> | <b>342539.67</b> |

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