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(b) whether it is a fact that the ceiling prices on cotton are a disincentive to grow more cotton?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) The justification for Price Control on Cotton is that it seeks to—

- (i) assure a fair return to the growers;
- (ii) assure supply of cotton to mills at reasonable prices; and
- (iii) stabilise the general price level of controlled as well as non-controlled varieties of cloth and enables Indian cloth to compete in foreign markets.

(b) Not, in Governments' view, Sir.

Price Control on Cloth

1965. Shri M. Amersey: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the percentage of cloth which is under statutory price control to the total production of cloth in the organised and unorganised sectors (i.e. textile mills, Handlooms and powerlooms)?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): About 23 per cent.

Price Control on Cotton

1966. Shri M. Amersey: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 95 per cent of the cotton production is subject to a statutory price control whereas the cloth under statutory price control is only 25 per cent of the entire cloth production (i.e. of textile mills, handlooms and powerlooms); and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The justification for Price Control on Cotton is that it seeks to—

- (i) assure a fair return to the growers;
- (ii) assure supply of cotton to mills at reasonable prices; and
- (iii) stabilise the general price level of controlled as well as non-controlled varieties of cloth and enables Indian cloth to compete in foreign markets.

Production of Cloth

1967. Shri M. Amersey: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the percentage of exported cloth to the total production of cloth in the cotton textiles (including that of handlooms and powerlooms)?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): The percentage of exported cloth to the total production of cloth during 1964, 1965 and 1966 works out as follows:

	(in million metres)		
	1964	1965	1966
Production	7720	7643	7336
Exports	536.6	546.6	461.3
Percentage of exports to production	6.95	7.15	6.28

टायरों का निर्माण

1968. श्री रामबन्धु बीरपा : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा सखवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में टायर बनाने वाली विदेशी कर्मों को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये उन्हें प्रश्रिय लाइसेंस दिये गये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन्-किन् कर्मों को प्रश्रिय लाइसेंस दिये गये हैं ?